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OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Sovereign Grand Lodge

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

HELD IN

ATLANTIC CITY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

SEPTEMBER 16th TO 21st, 1895,

WITH AN

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING A SKETCH OF THE WELCOME BY HIS HONOR, FRANKLIN P. STOY, MAYOR, FOR ATLANTIC CITY; BRO. JOHN H. GRIFFITH, GRAND MASTER, FOR THE GRAND LODGE; BRO. JAMES MC MAHON, GRAND PATRIARCH, FOR THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT; MRS. SARAH DUTCHER, PRESIDENT, FOR THE REBEKAH STATE ASSEMBLY OF NEW JERSEY; RESPONSE BY JOHN W. STEBBINS, GRAND SIRE; GRAND PARADE; GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' REUNION; COMPLIMENTARY RECEPTION AND BALL; THE COURTESIES EXTENDED DURING THE SESSION, ETC., ETC.

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COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 16th, 1895.

MONDAY, September 16th, 1895, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STEBBINS	Grand Sire.
FRED. CARLETON	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS	Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE COBURN	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	Grand Chaplain.
JAMES B. BLANKS	Grand Marshal.
FRED. S. HUNT	Grand Guardian.
J. R. HARWELL	Grand Messenger.

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And a representation from forty-seven Grand Lodges and thirty-one Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

Oliver J. Semmes, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep	Alabama.
R. G. Floyd, P. G	Arkansas.
Richard Roberts, P. G. M	British Columbia.
J. F. Thompson, P. G. M	California.
I. N. Rogers, P. G. M	Colorado.
William H. Marigold, P. G. M	Connecticut.
Wm. P. Allan, P. G. M	District of Columbia.
N. C. Pettit, P. G. Rep	Florida.
John B. Goodwin, P. G. Rep	Georgia.
G. C. Patten, P. G. M	Idaho.
E. S. Conway, P. G. M	Illinois.
Harry J. Ellard, P. G	Indian Territory.
Wm. Musson, P. G. M	Iowa.
M. B. Ward, P. G. M	Kansas.
J. Frank Grant, P. G. M	Kentucky.
A. G. Ricks, P. G. Rep	Louisiana.
W. Stetson Rogers, P. G	Lower Provinces.
George A. Gilpatric, P. G. M	Maine.
W. J. Roche, P. G. M	Manitoba.
John M. Jones, P. G. Rep	Maryland.
Louis A. Cook, P. G. M	Massachusetts.
H. H. Heineman, P. G. M	Michigan.
Wm. H. Wells, P. G. M	Minnesota.
Monroe McClurg, P. G. M	Mississippi.
T. T. Parson, P. G. M	Missouri.
George Pascoe, P. G. M. and P. C. P	Montana.
A. H. Weir, P. G. M	Nebraska.
C. E. Mack, P. G. Rep	Nevada.
John A. Glidden, P. G. Rep	New Hampshire.
August Grassmann, P. G. M	New Jersey.
Geo. W. Dilks, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep	New York.
W. D. Gaster, P. G. M	North Carolina.
E. F. Bodle, P. G. M	North Dakota.
A. C. Cable, P. G. M	Ohio.
John Donogh, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep	Ontario.
A. N. Gambell, P. G. P. and P. G. Rep	Oregon.
Robert E. Wright, P. G. Rep	Pennsylvania.
J. J. Reed, P. G. M	Quebec.
Peter J. Trumpler, P. G. M	Rhode Island.
John L. Nolen, P. G. M	Tennessee.
M. D. Herring, P. G. M	Texas.
Enos D. Hoge, P. G. M	Utah.
Henry C. Farrar, P. G. M	Vermont.
D. R. Stansbury, P. G. M	Virginia.
J. C. Mitchell, P. G. M	Washington.
J. L. Jorgensen, P. G. M	Wisconsin.
W. L. Kuykendall, P. G. M. and P. G. P	Wyoming.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

J. B. Friedheim, P. G. Rep	Arkansas.
Henry Waller, P. G. M., P. G. P. and P. G. Rep	British Columbia.

C. W. Savage, P. G. P.....California.
W. S. Badley, P. G. P.....Idaho.
Sam. J. Baker, P. G. P.....Illinois.
John B. Cockrum.....Indiana.
J. C. Koonz, P. G. P.....Iowa.
Sam. H. Glenn, P. G. P.....Kansas.
W. H. Cox, P. G. M.....Kentucky.
Ernst T. Lee, P. G. P.....Maine.
Benj. Bremner, P. G. M.....Maritime Provinces.
James Young, P. G. Rep.....Maryland.
Edwin G. Johnson, P. G. P.....Michigan.
G. W. Bertram, P. G. P.....Minnesota.
B. M. Dilley, P. G. P.....Missouri.
L. J. Byer, P. G. P.....Nebraska.
Frank T. E. Richardson, P. G. P.....New Hampshire.
J. Barton Smith, P. G. Rep.....New Jersey.
Jacob Dilcher, P. G. Rep.....New York.
T. E. Reynolds, P. G. P.....North Carolina.
E. B. Comly, P. G. P.....Ohio.
A. H. Blackeby, P. G. P.....Ontario.
W. C. Tweedale, P. G. M.....Oregon.
Henry Steuernagel, P. G. Rep.....Pennsylvania.
Thos. M. Holden, P. G. M.....Rhode Island.
Alex. Rogers, P. G. P.....Utah.
H. E. Parker, P. G. and Grand Secretary.....Vermont.
C. N. Hale, P. G. and P. C. P.....Washington
G. A. Hiehle, P. G. P.....West Virginia.
James A. Fathers, P. G. P.....Wisconsin.
Thomas Pearson, P. G. M. and P. G. P.....Wyoming.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

James B. Nicholson.....Pennsylvania.
James P. Sanders.....New York.
Milton J. Durham.....Kentucky.
John H. White.....New York.
Charles M. Busbee.....North Carolina.
Cl. T. Campbell.....Ontario, Canada.

The Deputy Grand Sire announced the following appointments:

Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary, of Ontario, Custodian of the Secret Work, and Bro. W. A. Bobbitt, P. G. Rep., of North Carolina, Assistant Custodian of the Secret Work.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives, and declared them qualified.

The Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. Venable, of Kentucky, addressed the Throne of Grace, as follows:

Almighty God, our Creator and constant Benefactor, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, we come before Thee at this time, acknowledging our dependence upon Thee.

Under Thy protecting care we have been brought here from our widely separated homes, to take counsel together for the interests of the Order so dear to our hearts. We invoke Thy divine blessings upon the officers and members of this Sovereign Grand Body.

Make us to realize the need of Thy help in all our efforts to promote the cause of benevolence. Impress upon our hearts and minds from day to day, a firmer belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, that every member of our great family may labor together in unity of spirit and in the bonds of fraternal love. Protect and bless the widows and orphans everywhere, especially those who were dependent upon our deceased Brethren; and in Thy providence supply their needs. Multiply Homes and Refuges for the aged and helpless ones who require our special care along the wearisome journey of life, and lead all sufferers to trust in Thee as a loving father who will never forsake them.

Bless our civil rulers, and all who are in lawful authority over us, and make us to be true and just in all our dealings with our fellow men. May the principles we advocate commend themselves to all, as they shine forth in our daily lives, and intercourse, and multitudes of worthy members be gathered around the standard of Friendship, Love and Truth, and unto Thee be ascribed the glory and praise now and ever. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge opened for business.

The Chair announced the following:

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. WALLER, of British Columbia; PATTEN, of Idaho; PETTIT, of Florida; LEE, of Maine; STROUGH, of Oklahoma.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives, received from the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

No. 1. Rep. WALLER, of British Columbia, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials of the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and find them correct.

They, therefore, recommend that the following Representatives be admitted to seats in this Grand Body:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

A. G. BETHARD, P. G. M.	Alabama.
N. A. MORFORD, P. G. M.	Arizona.
N. W. COX, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.	Arkansas.
JOSEPH E. PHILLIPS, P. G. M.	British Columbia.
J. G. MAGUIRE, P. G. Rep.	California.
C. E. WALDO, P. G. Rep.	Colorado.
LEOPOLD DELEEUW, P. G. M.	Connecticut.

PHILLIP J. ISAAC, P. C. P. (for one year, *vice* JAMES CRIPPEN, resigned).....Delaware.
JAMES WELCH, P. C. P.....Delaware.
F. A. STIER, P. G. Rep.....District of Columbia.
E. B. VAN DEMAN, P. G. M.....Florida.
ROBERT T. DANIEL, P. G. Rep.....Georgia.
FRANK B. WILLIS, P. G. M.....Idaho.
J. OTIS HUMPHREY, P. G. Rep.....Illinois.
WILL H. TALBOTT, P. G. M.....Indiana.
W. H. LEEDY, P. G. Rep. (for one year, *vice* E. G. HOGATE, resigned).....Indiana.
E. D. ALLEN, P. G. M.....Indian Territory.
J. C. LONGUEVILLE, P. G. M.....Iowa.
J. JAY BUCK, P. G. M.....Kansas.
JAMES T. WILLIS, P. G. M.....Kentucky.
CHARLES H. BROWNLEE, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.....Louisiana.
JAMES CHRISTIE, P. G. M.....Lower Provinces.
REUEL ROBINSON, P. G. M.....Maine.
JOHN TUCKER, P. G. M.....Manitoba.
JAMES B. GUYTON, P. G. M.....Maryland.
ALFRED S. PINKERTON, P. G. M.....Massachusetts.
GEORGE L. DAVIS, P. G. M.....Michigan.
HOWARD LANKESTER, P. G. M.....Minnesota.
J. D. HUTCHINSON, P. G.....Mississippi.
R. M. ABERCROMBIE, P. G. M.....Missouri.
MASSENA BULLARD, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.....Montana.
GEO. L. LOOMIS, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.....Nebraska.
F. M. HUFFAKER, P. G. and P. C. P.....Nevada.
GEORGE A. BAILEY, P. G. M.....New Hampshire.
WILLIAM H. ISZARD, P. G. M.....New Jersey.
JAMES T. NEWHALL, P. G. Rep. and G. Secretary.....New Mexico.
JACOB STERN, P. G. M.....New York.
W. C. DOUGLASS, P. G. M.....North Carolina.
J. W. JOHNSTON, P. G. M.....North Dakota.
MILO S. CLAPP, P. G. M.....Ohio.
CHARLES A. NEWMAN, P. G. M. (for one year).....Oklahoma.
S. M. MOORE, P. G. (for one year).....Oklahoma.
THOMAS W. JOLLIFFE, P. G. M.....Ontario.
L. C. PARKER, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.....Oregon.
FRANCIS M. REA, P. G. Rep.....Pennsylvania.
C. J. BROWN, P. G. M.....Quebec.
JOSEPH E. C. FARNHAM, P. G. M.....Rhode Island.
JOSEPH LEACH, P. G. M.....South Carolina.
HERBERT A. PIPER, P. G. M. (for one year, *vice* ABBOTT G. SMITH, resigned).....South Dakota.
FRANK S. EMERSON, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.....South Dakota.
BEN. BINGHAM, P. G. M.....Tennessee.
C. A. KELLER, P. G. M.....Texas.
J. J. THOMAS, P. G. M.....Utah.
J. W. GOODELL, P. G. M.....Vermont.
D. A. BUCHER, P. G. M.....Virginia.
O. C. WHITE, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.....Washington.
LEE REINHEIMER, P. G. (for one year to fill vacancy).....West Virginia.
SEPTIMIUS HALL, P. G. M.....West Virginia.
J. W. WATSON, P. G.....Wisconsin.
R. W. RICH, P. G. M. (for one year).....Wyoming.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

HAL. C. WEAVER, P. G. M.....Alabama.
L. W. S. DOWNS, P. G. P.....California.
JOSEPH MANN, P. G. M.....Colorado.
HENRY O. WOOD, P. G. P. (for one year, *vice* JAMES E. CAMP, resigned).....Connecticut.
THEO. D. L. MANVILLE, P. G. P.....Connecticut.
B. F. SHAKSPEARE, P. G. Rep.....Delaware.
JOSEPH BURROUGHS, P. G. P.....District of Columbia.
THOS. C. WATSON, P. G. Rep.....Florida.
J. G. BLOODWORTH, P. G. Rep.....Georgia.
WALTER E. CARLIN, P. G. Rep.....Illinois.
GEORGE SHIRTS, P. G. P.....Indiana.
W. E. HARRIMAN, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.....Iowa.
HENRY J. ATEN, P. G. P.....Kansas.
WM. W. MORRIS, P. G. M.....Kentucky.
JOSEPH VOEGTLE, P. G. Rep.....Louisiana.
DAVID M. PARKS, P. G. P.....Maine.
D. E. MCKINNON, P. G. and P. C. P.....Manitoba.
GEO. W. GODMAN, P. G. Rep.....Maryland.
OSCAR A. MARDEN, P. G. P. (for one year, *vice* FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, resigned).....Massachusetts.
FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, P. G. M.....Massachusetts.
JOHN B. PENFIELD, P. G. P.....Michigan.
WALLACE G. NYE, P. G. M., P. G. P. and P. G. Rep..Minnesota.
I. D. BLUMENTHAL, P. G. M., P. G. P., and P. G. Rep..Mississippi.
J. N. MUNSELL, P. G. P.....Missouri.
WILLIAM SCHOTT, P. G. and P. C. P. (for one year, *vice* HENRY ASMUSSEN, resigned,).....Montana.
F. B. BRYANT, P. G. Rep.....Nebraska.
H. P. BROWN, P. G. P.....Nevada.
IRA H. ADAMS, P. G. P.....New Hampshire.
GEO. N. NUTT, P. G. P.....New Jersey.
EDGAR WHITLOCK, P. G. P., P. G. M. and P. G. Rep..New York.
ARTHUR BASSETT, P. G. P. (for one year, *vice* G. E. KERMOTT, resigned).....North Dakota.
LOUIS VAN NOORDEN, P. G. P.....Ohio.
H. L. STROUGH, P. G. Scribe.....Oklahoma.
S. S. MERICK P. G. P.....Ontario.
W. T. WILLIAMSON, P. G. M.....Oregon.
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, P. G. Rep.....Pennsylvania.
CHAS. E. PEIRCE, P. G. P.....Rhode Island.
FRED. SCHNAUBER, P. G. P.....South Dakota.
JAMES G. AYDELOTT, P. G. Rep.....Tennessee.
T. W. WILEY, P. G. Rep., (for one year, *vice* FRED. CARLETON, resigned).....Texas.
STILLWELL H. RUSSELL, P. G.....Texas.
DAVID L. SANDERS, P. G. P.....Vermont.
N. E. WHITEHURST, P. G. M. and P. G. P.....Virginia.
H. E. HOLMES, P. G. P.....Washington.
FRANKLIN RINGLER, P. G. P.....West Virginia.
J. C. OATES, P. G. P.....Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

H. WALLER, G. C. PATTEN, N. C. PETTIT,
E. T. LEE, H. L. STROUGH.

The Chair announced the following:

Committee on Drawing for Seats.—Reps. EMERSON, of South Dakota; ROBERTS, of British Columbia; GASTER, of North Carolina; SMITH, of New Jersey; DILCHER, of New York.

No. 2. Rep. EMERSON, of South Dakota, from the Committee on Drawing for Seats, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Drawing for Seats, respectfully report that the drawing was made and the Jurisdictions were alloted to seats as follows:

Alabama.....84, 85, 86	Montana 64, 65, 66
Arizona.....181	Nebraska.....9, 10, 11, 12
Arkansas 148, 149, 150	Nevada.....158, 159, 160
British Columbia.....87, 88, 89	New Hampshire...161, 162, 163, 164
California.....17, 18, 19, 20	New Jersey 136, 137, 138, 139
Colorado.....70, 71, 72, 73	New Mexico.....135
Connecticut.....151, 152, 153, 154	New York.....131, 132, 133, 134
Delaware..... .....155, 156, 157	North Carolina 165, 166, 167
District of Columbia....121, 122, 123	North Dakota.....110, 111, 112
Florida..... ..21, 22, 23	Ohio.....127, 128, 129, 130
Georgia.....168, 169, 170	Oklahoma 61, 62, 63
Idaho.....124, 125, 126	Ontario 5, 6, 7, 8
Illinois.....57, 58, 59, 60	Oregon.....13, 14, 15, 16
Indiana.....117, 118, 119, 120	Pennsylvania.....92, 93, 94, 95
Indian Territory... .....175, 176	Quebec.....90, 91
Iowa.....177, 178, 179, 180	Rhode Island.....49, 50, 51, 52
Kansas.....171, 172, 173, 174	South Carolina..... 48
Kentucky.....99, 100, 101, 102	South Dakota.....96, 97, 98
Louisiana.....27, 28, 29	Tennessee 67, 68, 69
Lower Provinces..... 30, 31, 32	Texas..... 182, 183, 184, 185
Maine..... ..... 33, 34, 35, 36	Utah.....74, 75, 76
Manitoba.....24, 25, 26	Vermont.....77, 78, 79, 80
Maryland 113, 114, 115, 116	Virginia..... 41, 42, 43
Massachusetts.....140, 141, 142, 143	Washington.....53, 54, 55, 56
Michigan.....144, 145, 146, 147	West Virginia.....44, 45, 46, 47
Minnesota..... 106, 107, 108, 109	Wisconsin.....37, 38, 39, 40
Mississippi.....103, 104, 105	Wyoming..... ....81, 82, 83
Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4	

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK S. EMERSON, W. D. GASTER, RICHARD ROBERTS,
J. BARTON SMITH, JACOB DILCHER.

The Grand Secretary proceeded to read the minutes of the last annual session, when

Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, moved that the further reading be dispensed with, and the Journal of 1894, as printed, be approved, which was agreed to.

The Grand Sire submitted his annual report, as follows, which, with accompanying documents, was referred to the Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports:

GRAND SIRE AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT.

Officers and Representatives.—Another twelve month has closed its record and finds us again convened in annual communication. The Reaper has gathered his usual harvest from our ranks, and in doing so has stricken down some of our brightest ornaments. Of them, in proper place due mention will be made.

To us who survive, their call is a voice of warning. Our work is still before us. Let us strive to write our names high on the tablet of the good, the merciful, and the true. We have reason for thankfulness, that so great prosperity has crowned our labors. In the midst of great financial depression, and partial stagnation of business, the Order has steadily advanced, with somewhat of retarded step, in numbers, but not in wealth and influence.

We have reached that period in our history when no adverse criticisms, no unfriendly assaults or bigoted anathemas, can have any effect, and when we can afford to pass them by in silence, naught disturbed or harmed by their utterance, looking forward with hope to the day-dawn of their higher enlightenment.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Every branch of the Order is flourishing, exhibiting an increase in the number of its Subordinates, as follows:

Subordinate Lodges increase	297
Subordinate Encampments increase	53
Rebekah Lodges increase	335

In the Canton branch they are not reported, but from information from Department Commanders, unusual prosperity prevails. The Chevaliers are taking on new activity. Many dormant Cantons have been revived, and new ones organized and mustered in.

The failure to forward detailed returns is not owing to any inefficiency on the part of the Department Commanders, or their Assistant Adjutant-Generals. The disordered state of this branch, disclosed by the removal of Army Headquarters, the dispirited feeling of the Chevaliers, the non-active and dormant condition of Cantons and Officers, resulting from the non-acknowledgement of fees forwarded, and Commissions called for, but not issued, had well nigh paralized this most valuable branch of our work.

To remove these embarrassments, revive activity, restore confidence, and place dormant Cantons in active relationship, has been a labor of no ordinary magnitude, to which the Department Commanders have addressed themselves with a most commendable zeal, and which has so engrossed their attention, that returns as required by Section 107 have been quite impossible. The new Code and its application to existing conditions, has also greatly added to their labors. So far as reported, this branch is everywhere reviving, and by another year, it is presumed will have progressed so far that full reports from all of the Departments will be made. I call the special attention of Department Commanders to the Schedule Report of the Adjutant-General, as emphasizing their duty for the coming year.

It is to be hoped, that sometime during the year, such completeness of organization will have been reached that there will be a general desire expressed by Cantons and Department Commanders, for a General Cantonment at some central point, that there may be a general display of this branch, in which event it will afford the Commander-in-Chief the greatest pleasure to order such a gathering.

In this connection I most earnestly bespeak for the Military branch, the earnest and cordial co-operation of the entire Encampment branch. Every Patriarch, as he desires the prosperity of the Order, should lend his influence and give cordial support to the Cantons. He should be allied to them, either as an active or honorary member.

In his Lodge he should constantly labor to add to the membership of his Encampment. That branch does not at present number the half it should, and the Militant branch is less than one-fourth of what its proportionate strength should be. By a little effort on the part of each, the proper equilibrium between the several branches can be reached, and the highest prosperity attained.

The Rebekah branch has had a marvelous growth the past year. While the increase in membership in the Subordinate Lodge has been several thousand less than last year, and the Encampments have fallen 1,772 below, the Rebekah Lodges have gained in membership, 22,747, exceeding the gain of the preceding year by 1,174, and the relief by $2,141.36.

That the growth of this branch had been still greater but for an ill-advised agitation and opposition to the new term of membership, adopted at the last Communication, to which much of this increased prosperity is attributable, there can be no intelligent question.

The foregoing relates to the condition of the Order on the North American Continent only. Its growth in the other fourteen Nations, on other Continents, has been equally marked, in some of them relatively greater, the detail of which, as also those on this Continent, will appear in full in the Grand Secretary's Report.

The report of Special Deputy Grand Sire HERMAN BLOCK, for example, is very flattering, to which I call special attention, which is herewith submitted as (Off. Doc. A.)

THE REBEKAH CODE.

This Code, though presumably the product of a year's labor of an able committee is in many respects very defective, and has given rise to many questions, and evoked much discussion. I speak not so much in regard to its provisions as to the manner of their expression. Too great brevity of expression often leads to ambiguity and uncertainty.

The repealing clause is especially unfortunately worded. This Grand Lodge possesses all the functions of government, both Legislative, Judicial and Executive. If Section 34 was designed to repeal all in each branch heretofore existing, it was far too sweeping, in that it renders null and void much that is vitally essential to the Rebekah branch. If it was designed to repeal only previous legislation, it should have codified, and designated such decisions and interpretations of the principles and practices of this branch, as were to remain in force.

The decisions herewith submitted upon this branch of the Order, will throw further light upon the difficulties and embarrassments that section has caused.

The phraseology of Section 6 has given rise to a multitude of questions, and they have each been answered to almost a score of Jurisdictions and Officers.

I recommend in place of sub-divisions 1, 2 and 3, of that section, the following:

1st. All members in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, upon the report of a duly appointed committee, showing all of the qualifications that are required for admission into a Subordinate Lodge.

2d. All females over 18 years of age, upon the report of a committee, showing the same qualifications as are required of males.

These or something of similar import, would seem to be necessary, to free that section from the ambiguity that now environs it.

Section 34 should be amended, by adding after the words, "Rebekah Lodges," the words, "in conflict with this Code."

It will be seen by the decisions, below that I have held, that Section 2 conferred a special power upon Grand Lodges, and vested the exercise of that power in their judgment, in consequence of which, by a well settled rule of law, they could not delegate that power.

Some Grand Lodges have taken the responsibility of delegating it to Rebekah Assemblies, and have claimed that Section 30 gave them power to do so.

That section gives them power to "clothe Rebekah Assemblies with such powers as they may deem best, in order to carry out the *objects* and *purposes* of *Rebekah Lodges* as therein declared." It gives them no power to transfer to Rebekah Assemblies the power to *Charter* Lodges, but only power to enable *Rebekah Lodges* when chartered "to carry out the objects and purposes" for which they have been chartered.

If this Grand Body shall deem it advisable to allow Grand Lodges to entrust this important duty to the Assemblies, there should be added, at the end of Section 2, the following: "or to authorize Rebekah Assemblies to do so."

No regalia is presented for the officers of Rebekah Assemblies. This has given rise to many questions, and a variety of practices. In the absence of any specific law, I have held that Section 25, from analogy, should govern.

This defect ought to be remedied, so that uniformity may prevail in the different Assemblies.

If it be the intention to require the officers of Rebekah Lodges to earn the honors of office, by the same standard, as that required of officers in a Subordinate Lodge, and there should be but one standard, then Sections 12 and 13 need amendment.

Section 12 should be amended by inserting before the words, "appointed office," the words, "elective or"

Section 13 should be amended by inserting after the word, "term," in the second line, "and to the end of the term." Also at the end of the Section, "if serving to the end of the term."

In construing this Code—as detailed in the decisions below—I have endeavored to preserve the "ancient landmarks" as far as possible, and to give Rebekah Lodges all the privileges, that would seem to aid their more rapid growth and greater prosperity to this end, avoiding all technical construction.

I call attention to one instance. The Rebekah Code makes no provision for officering a new Lodge, for its first term. By that Code no past officer of a Subordinate Lodge has any privilege in a Rebekah Lodge, by virtue of rank in a Subordinate Lodge, except to wear the regalia of that rank.

To facilitate the organization and work of Rebekah Lodges in view of the paraphernalia and floor work now in use, I have held, that for the first term, all the positions in the Lodge might be filled from the floor, no previous service in office being required, since by the repealing section above referred to, the law of 1890, declaring the P. N. G's. charge could be delivered only by a N. G., a Past Grand, or P. N. G. of a Rebekah Lodge, is repealed.

Indeed there never seemed to be any good reason for such a law, as there is no such officer known to the law—but only a chair—that the retiring officer may occupy, and deliver the charge appertaining to it, though not required so to do.

DECISIONS ON REBEKAH LAWS.

1. QUESTION.—In the institution of a Rebekah Lodge in which there is no Past N. Grand, can any one except the N. G. deliver the P. N. G. charge?

Answer.—The chair of the P. N. G. is not an office, nor is the P. N. G. an officer. Under the beautified work it is very incongruous, and would mar the effect of the ceremony for the N. G. to change robes and situation. The law of 1890, by Section 34, is repealed, and as no official instructions are connected with the charge, as in the case of the first officers of a new Lodge, previous service in office is not required as a qualification, and any qualified member may deliver it. (Decided to three Jurisdictions.)

2. QUESTION.—Which is the law by which we are to be governed, the decision of Grand Sire BUSBEE, p. 12,785, Journal of 1892, approved, p. 13,064; or the law as reported by the Committee on Legislation, same Journal, p. 13,035, which report was adopted, p. 13,058. They seem to be in direct conflict.

Answer.—The decision of the Grand Sire was the law when it was made. The Committee on Legislation reported a change in the law, which was adopted, and is the law of the Order now, though the decision of the Grand Sire was approved after its adoption.

3. QUESTION.—Under Sections 2 and 18 of the Rebekah Code, can a Rebekah Lodge pay stated benefits, fixed by its By-Laws?

Answer.—It cannot. All payments must now be made by the Lodges, at each meeting, as a majority of the members present shall by vote determine. (Decided to six different Jurisdictions.)

4. QUESTION.—Is a widow, an unmarried woman, entitled to be admitted to a Rebekah Lodge under the new Code unless her husband was an Odd Fellow in good standing at the time of his death?

Answer.—Yes. (Decided to four different Jurisdictions.)

5. QUESTION.—The By-Laws of the Rebekah Lodges, adopted for their government in this Grand Jurisdiction, are in many particulars in conflict with the new Code. Is that Code operative in this Jurisdiction until after the Grand Lodge meets and takes action upon it?

Answer.—It is from the time of its adoption. (Decided to three different Jurisdictions.)

6. QUESTION.—Blank applications or petitions for membership are printed and sold in this Jurisdiction to Rebekah Lodges. By what right or authority is it done?

Answer.—Such publication is a plain violation of the law of the S. G. L., and it is the duty of the Grand Master to put an immediate stop to it. (See Journal of 1879, pp. 8,117–8,179.)

7. QUESTION.—Can a suspended Rebekah, after marrying a non-Odd Fellow, be re-instated in a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer.—Under the first clause of Section 6 she can. (Decided to four different Jurisdictions.)

8. QUESTION.—Under the Rebekah Code (Section 12) is a member who has served in an elective, but never in an appointive office, eligible to an elective office?

Answer.—According to the wording of that section, it would seem to exclude all, after the first term, from eligibility to any elective office, who had not previously filled an appointive office. That, however, can hardly have been the intention of the section, since service in an elective office is a better qualification for promotion than in an appointive. It being of higher rank, as the greater always includes the less, I decide that such a member is eligible. (Decided to two Jurisdictions.)

9. QUESTION.—Under Section 13 of the Rebekah Code, is an officer serving a majority of the nights of a term, but not to the end of the term, entitled to the honors of the term?

Answer.—By that section she is. By the general law she must serve a majority of nights and to the end of the term.

10. QUESTION.—Does Section 34 of the Rebekah Code repeal Section 1,235 in regard to returns of Rebekah Lodges?

Answer.—It does not. That is not a "Rebekah Law for the government of Rebekah Lodges," but for the government of Grand Lodges.

11. QUESTION.—Can a Grand Lodge confer upon Rebekah Assemblies power to institute and charter Rebekah Lodges?

Answer.—They have no such power. They are clothed by Section 2 with a special power, the time and place for exercising which is left to their judgment. Such a power cannot be delegated. (Decided to five different jurisdictions.)

12. QUESTION.—Does a D. D. Grand Sire require to be a member of a Rebekah Lodge in order to receive the Rebekah A. P. W., or to have any other qualifications than those specified in the 8th division of Art. XV. of the By-Laws of the S. G. L.?

Answer.—Yes.

13. QUESTION.—Who are members of Rebekah Assemblies when convened for organization?

Answer.—Such as the Grand Lodge, in giving them a Constitution shall provide for.

14. QUESTION.—Shall the Grand Officers, in instituting Rebekah Lodges before the Grand Lodge meets, conform the Rebekah Lodge Constitution to the new Code, it being now in direct conflict with it, and instruct them according to the provisions of the Code, or the Constitution as it is?

Answer.—According to the new Code.

15. QUESTION.—Can the wife of a husband, both of whom once belonged to a Rebekah Lodge, but took Withdrawal Cards, now out of date, join a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer.—Yes.

16. QUESTION.—Under the new Rebekah Code, can the Grand Secretary furnish supplies direct to Rebekah Assemblies?

Answer.—He cannot. Section 26, by the strongest implication, affirms the general law.

17. QUESTION.—Can the T. P. W. be given openly in a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer.—It cannot.

18. QUESTION.—Is an initiatory member eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer.—He is.

19. *Decision.*—Good moral character and belief in a Supreme Being, though not specified as conditions of membership, in sub-divisions 1 and 2 of Section 6, of the Code, are pre-requisites to membership, as much as under sub-division 3.

Those conditions are "ancient land marks," and are not repealed by Section 34.

20. *Decision.*—The regalia prescribed for Rebekahs cannot be dispensed with in Rebekah Assemblies and a pin badge substituted in its place.

21. QUESTION.—Under Section 6, sub-division 1 of the Rebekah Code, is a woman that is of mixed blood (Indian or Negro) who is the wife of an Odd Fellow in good standing, eligible to membership.

Answer.—No.

22. *Decision.*—A Sister may furnish marches to be used in Rebekah Lodges if not issued in the name of the Order, and do not supplant any furnished by the S. G. L.

23. *Decision.*—A Grand Lodge cannot delegate the entire Rebekah branch to the control of Rebekah Assemblies.

24. Sections 124 and 126, of the Digest, do not apply to Rebekah Assemblies. The only prescribed regalia for them is found in Section 25 of the new Code.

25. *Decision.*—The first clause of Section 6, "All persons who have received the Degree," does not embrace an expelled Odd Fellow who once had the Degree, nor his wife, if she has been expelled, though she may have had the Degree.

26. *Decision.*—Under Section 30 of the Rebekah Code the petition of an existing State Convention, for a Rebekah Assembly, stating that there were 10 or more Rebekah Lodges, would be sufficient to authorize a Grand Lodge to charter a Rebekah Assembly.

27. *Decision.*—Under Section 26 no vote is necessary upon application for a Withdrawal Card. Should objection be made for cause, that would suspend the issuing until after investigation.

28. *Decision.*—Other than the officers of a Rebekah Assembly, may wear the badge prescribed in Section 25.

29. *Decision.*—The President of a Rebekah Assembly doubtless may appoint other than those officers named in Section 31, *e. g.*, Supporters, but they would not rank as officers, only assistants.

30. *Decision.*—Rebekah Lodges may provide in their By-Laws the terms of re-instatement.

31. *Decision.*—There is nothing prohibiting additional robes to those prescribed in the Ritual, but others cannot be substituted in place of those prescribed.

32. *Decision.*—Both under the new Code and the old law, the place of meeting of Rebekah Lodges is left with State Grand Bodies. The new Code makes no change in that respect.

33. *Decision.*—Rebekah Lodges are now charged with the duty of rendering "attentive benefits" the same as Subordinate Lodges.

34. QUESTION.—A member of a Rebekah Lodge has taken a Withdrawal Card that has expired. Her husband has also taken one from his Lodge that has expired. Can she regain membership in a Rebekah Lodge without her husband first joining the Subordinate Lodge, and if so, how?

Answer.—Yes. Under first sub-division of Section 66, by depositing her Card with her application for membership.

THE PATRIARCHS MILITANT CODE.

The same causes that have led to doubt and uncertainty, under the Rebekah Code, exist in the Code for the government of the Military branch. The repealing clause (Section 131), leaves nothing but the Code for its government, except "the Ceremonies, Ritual, Secret Work, military tactics, uniforms and equipment, not inconsistent with the Code."

Neither Sections of the Digest 1117, 1118, 1119, 1130, 1131, 1146, 1147, 1151, 1153, 1154 and, perhaps, others, come under either of the above exceptions. Are they by Section 131 of the Code repealed? If so, they should be restored, being sound law and quite necessary for the perfection and proper discipline of the Military branch.

There may be other general laws, or judicial decisions, heretofore found to be necessary for the proper regulation and government of this branch—not embraced in the Code—that ought to be continued in force. A sweeping repealing clause, like the ones above referred to, is dangerous legislation to attach to any new law.

The decisions upon this branch hereto attached, will disclose some of the ambiguities of the Code, and some inconsistencies, which ought to be removed. As a whole, however, it is proving quite acceptable, and the Military arm is acquiring unity, strength and efficiency under it. No effort should be spared to perfect it in every detail, as a most necessary and indispensable adjunct, in the growth of the Order.

I call special attention to what I deem two glaring defects in its provisions:

First—In all Departments having no Council, non-commissioned Warrants are issued at a charge of 50 cents each (Section 85). Department Councils must pay for the same, *in blank*, 75 cents each.

Second—Aids on Staff of Commander-in-Chief, for Commissions with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, are each charged $7.00, while a Lieutenant-Colonel's Commission is but $3.00.

I have held that the Commission of every officer, elected or Staff, should be the same, and graded by the *rank* the office gives him.

In these two respects the law should be amended. Other defects in the Code will appear in the following questions and decisions:

35. QUESTION.—Judge Advocate-General and Assistant Judge Advocate, being abolished by the Code, and the Degree of Chivalry requiring the assistance of a "Judge Advocate," what Staff Officer must be substituted in his place?

Answer.—Section 121 empowers the Department Commander to "delegate his authority to confer the Degree to any commissioned officer he may select." As the greater includes the less, if he can delegate his *entire* authority, he can delegate *a part* of it, and may select any commissioned officer to assist him. Both of those offices should be restored, or those offices in the Decoration and Grand Decoration of Chivalry be abolished.

36. QUESTION.—Section 66 provides that all officers entitled to Staffs shall appoint the same, and Section 103 provides that the Chevalier elected Secretary of the Department Council shall be *ex-officio* Assistant Adjutant-General on the Staff of the Department Commander.

Are we to understand that the Department Commander has not the authority to appoint his Assistant Adjutant-General, or is he entitled to two?

Answer.—There is no conflict between Sections 66 and 103, as Section 66 provides for officers appointing their own Staff, "*except* as *otherwise* provided." Section 103 provides for the election of one Staff officer—a little incongruous—as a selection by the Department Commander of his Assistant Adjutant-General would be likely to secure better service. But such is the law, and at present must be conformed to.

37. QUESTION.—A Department Commander, under the law of '93, appoints upon his Staff an Assistant Adjutant-General, who procures his uniform and qualifies for the office. He is not Secretary of the Department Council. His Commission is issued just before the passage of the Code of '94. Is he still Assistant Adjutant-General, or does the Code remove him from the office.

Answer.—There does not seem to be entire harmony between Sections 10 and 103. The sharper conflict is between Sections 76 and 103.

Had the Code provided that all appointments of Staff Officers made prior to its passage should stand until the term of their appointment expired, this question would not have arisen. I cannot, however, believe that it was the intention of the S. G. L. to legislate any one out of office by implication, as that is against the principles of sound legislation. If such be the intention it should be specifically declared. I shall, therefore, hold that the appointment must stand until the term of his Commission shall have expired. (Decided to three Jurisdictions.)

38. Question.—Will officers, who by express provision of the new Code are retired, be entitled to Retired Commissions, as those were under the Code of '93?

Answer.—They will.

39. Question.—Who are entitled to seats in a Department Council under the new Code?

Answer.—Captains, Lieutenants and Ensigns, of Cantons; Majors, of Battalions; Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels, of Regiments; Brigadiers, of Brigades, and Major-Generals, of Divisions; but no Staff Officers. (Decided to seven Jurisdictions.)

40. Question.—Should all Canton taxes paid after April, 1894, be refunded?

Answer.—Yes.

41. Question.—Can Chevaliers be allowed to vote by proxy under the new Code?

Answer.—Voting by proxy is not personal voting. No one can vote thus except by special permission. This permission must be granted by specific law. No such law existing, no one can be permitted to so vote.

42. Question.—Can a Chevalier be tried for an offense, until the Department Council has prepared a Trial Code according to Section 109? If so, by what Code?

Answer.—Yes, by any recognized Code in use in other branches of the Order, provided all the conditions expressed in Section 110 are fully complied with.

43. Question.—Are Councils organized under the laws of 1893 broken up by the Code of 1894, so that a new organization must be immediately formed?

Answer.—No; but if any meeting is called, or held subsequent to its passage, it must conform in membership and their manner of selection to the new Code. All of its By-Laws not in harmony with it are null and void, and must be amended so as to comform, also.

44. Question.—Can a Canton that has lost its Charter or Warrant, obtain another?

Answer.—Though there is no provision of law in regard to it, I hold, that upon satisfactory proof of its loss or destruction, a duplicate may be issued in analogy to similar cases in a Subordinate Lodge, and upon the same relative terms. (Decided to two Jurisdictions.)

45. Question.—In the reorganization of a Department under the Code of 1893, are the officers who are retired by that Code entitled to a return of that portion of their fee for their Commissions for the unexpired part of their official term?

Answer.—They are not. By Section 77 of the Code of 1894, they are placed on the retired list, and the Commission they were holding at the time is made a retiring Commission with the retired rank designated by the Commission.

46. Question.—In taking a new member into a Troop of Lancers and making him a file Cavalier, from whom must his Commission come?

Is there any fee for his Commission, or does he come in as before the Codes of 1893 and 1894, under Army Headquarters?

Answer.—1st. The special laws creating and governing the "Turm of Horse," as it existed when "Army Headquarters" were abolished are not disturbed by either Code of 1893 or 1894, except those providing for additional organizations. They are abolished. (See Section 111 of '93, and 51 of '94.)

2d. Section 73 of the Code of '94, takes the place of Section 118 of the Code of '93, and that section took the place of Section 297 of the original law. Section 73, therefore, has taken all power to issue Commissions where

there is a Department Council organized, from the Commander-in-Chief, and vested it in the Department Commander, except *his* Commission.

3d. The fees for all Commissions, retired or otherwise, were in the *general* law not in the *special laws* creating the "Turm of Horse." They are all abolished, and the new Code provisions are substituted in their place. By this alone, therefore, the "Turm of Horse" must be governed.

47. QUESTION.—Can a Captain of a Canton who is suspended from his Encampment, be immediately dropped from the roll, his office be declared vacant by the Department Commander, and an election of Captain ordered?

Answer.—Yes.

48. QUESTION.—Has a Captain or Lieutenant in opening a Canton, authority to order a Colonel or Major, who belongs to the Canton, to fall in with the other Chevaliers?

Answer.—Yes, if present, not in their official capacity.

49. QUESTION.—Do Commissions issued prior to the Code of '94, continue until the end of the term for which they were issued, or do they expire April 26, 1894?

Answer.—Section 67 provides, that the term of office "shall be held to commence with the 26th of April nearest in point of time to the date of the Commission." This provision legislates out of office, April 26th, 1894, all whose Commissions bear date prior to October 26th, 1893. All whose Commissions bear date subsequent to October 26th, 1893, will hold over until April 26th, 1895. Equity would seem to require that all thus retired by force of positive law, should be deemed holding a Retired Commission, of the rank held when retired. Section 77 of the Code specifically so declares, in regard to all officers retired by the Code of '93, which, by analogy I hold to apply to those retired by Section 67.

50. QUESTION.—Can the Department Commander or Commander-in-Chief authorize a Canton to change its place of meeting, and meet at a different place than that fixed in the By-Laws?

Answer.—Neither can, if by "place" is meant town, village or city.

51. QUESTION.—Can past officers, as such, be admitted to membership in Department Councils, with all the privileges of members, provided they obtain Retired Commissions?

Answer.—They cannot.

52. QUESTION.—Does the last sentence of Section 67 apply to an officer filling a vacancy?

Answer.—It does not. Such term must expire with the vacancy.

53. Is the fee for the Commission of Department Commander to be paid to the Department Council or to the Adjutant-General?

Answer.—Though the Code does not specify where it shall be paid, yet as Section 73 provides that the Commission shall be issued by the Commander-in-Chief, attested by the Adjutant-General, and Section 84 states what fees shall be paid to the Department Council, and this is not among them, it must be paid to the Adjutant-General, the law being silent as to where it shall be paid.

54. QUESTION.—Has a Department Commander authority to grant a petition to a Canton to change its name?

Answer.—Under the general power conferred by Section 97, he has, if authorized by the Department Council. (Section 37.)

55. QUESTION.—Has a Canton the right to turn out and parade on Sunday, or can the Grand Sire grant permission for it to do so?

Answer.—It has not such right, except at a funeral, or some similar gathering.

56. QUESTION.—Where there are two Brigades in a Department, whose Commanders are of equal rank, and one of them is elected Department Commander, does he rank as Major General, or what rank does he hold under the last sentence of Section 8?

Answer.—Sections 5, 7 and 9 are controlling. He cannot rank as Major General until a Division is formed. That sentence can only mean that he outranks the other Brigadier in command, as officers of the same grade outrank each other according to date of Commission.

57. QUESTION.—Can a retired officer act upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, provided he holds a Retired Commission of the rank required for such Staff Officer, without taking out a new Commission?

Answer.—He ought to be permitted so to do, and I hold that he may.

58. QUESTION.—Can Chevaliers be admitted to Council meetings?

Answer.—Yes, but as visitors only, unless elected as members in accordance with the By-Laws of the Council.

59. QUESTION.—Can the officers of the Department Council vote on questions before it?

Answer.—Not unless they are members by virtue of Section 102.

60. QUESTION.—Under Sections 8 and 59, can Chevaliers of the Regiment in a Department, having a Regiment, and a first separate Battalion, the Colonel of the Regiment being Department Commander, vote for the Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel of the first separate Battalion in the organization of that Regiment?

Answer.—No.

APPEALS.

61. Appeal of Canton Zimmerman, No. 1, of the Department of Maryland, from the action of the Department Commander, in organizing the Department Council.

STATEMENT.—GEO. W. GODMAN, Department Commander, issued an order for convening, to organize a Department Council, naming the time and place, and notifying all of the Cantons in his Department, which at that time consisted of four.

At the time and place named, after some delay, officers from three Cantons appeared, and proceeded to elect officers and organize the Council.

General Orders No. 1, upon which the Council was called, directed that Captains only were entitled to seats, but that each Canton elect three representatives, two of whom should be Lieutenants, and Ensign. They were so elected, and from three of the Cantons were present. The credentials of their election, however, from Canton Zimmerman, No. 1, were withheld until after the election of the officers of the Council.

It is claimed that the organization of the Council is illegal.

I hold that the Lieutenants and Ensign were members of the Council under Section 102, and as such entitled to seats, without credentials of their election. That their election neither added to, nor did the absence of the credentials of such election, take from them their rights of membership, and that the organization of the Department Council was legal and binding.

62. The accompanying papers, marked Exhibits "Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, 5, 6," disclose the detail of the controversy in regard to the mustering in of a new Canton at Springfield. Mass., upon which I have rendered the following decision, a copy of which was forwarded to Canton Springfield, and also to Department Commander MERRILL:

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, OF THE I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE
AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE P. M.
Rochester, New York, Aug. 12, 1895.

CANTON SPRINGFIELD, No. 23, P. M.
against
FRANK H. MERRILL, *Dep't Com'dr.*

This is a protest in the nature of an appeal from the action of the Department Commander of Massachusetts, in organizing and mustering in a new Canton at Springfield.

The principal ground upon which the appeal is based is, that by Section 30. the power to establish Cantons is vested in the Department Council, and that the Department Commander has no authority to institute a Canton unless expressly authorized by the Department Council, under Section 104, and that no such authority has been given him.

The answer of the Department Commander is, that though the Department Council had not given *express* authority, it had approved of his action in so doing; that he had so stated to that Body in his report officially made; that he was about to institute others of a similar character, to which no objection was made, and that he received that as an implied authority to do so, where he thought the good of the Military branches would be benefited by it.

It was further answered that this appeal was not brought by Canton Springfield, No. 23, but by and at the instigation of four or five individuals.

This last objection being preliminary, must first be disposed of. Whoever may have been the first movers in the appeal, it is prosecuted upon the authority and with the consent of the Canton as appears by the certified resolution of the Canton on file with the other papers. This preliminary objection, therefore, is overruled.

We come, then, to the main question in the case: Had the Department Commander sufficient authority from the Department Council to proceed, to uphold his action in instituting the Canton at Springfield, July 18th?

At the Department Council, held June 19th, the following proceedings appear, bearing upon this question. The Department Commander, in the regular course of business, read his annual report. There being no objection made, and no motion for its reception at the time, it must be presumed to have been submitted by unanimous consent. (Cushing, Section 293.) Thus it was *received*, which entitled it to be read.

After being read, it was by motion received and placed on the Records. This must have been intended as a motion of *acceptance*, since it had already been *received*, and was the property of the Body. The Council, it seems, so treated it, since it was ordered placed on the Records, and no further action taken upon it. Whatever it contained, therefore, was acquiesced in, and became a basis for future action.

In that report the Department Commander stated as follows: That he, "June 11th, instituted 'Canton City of Lynn' with fifty-one charter members, and a promise of one hundred by January 1st. This Canton is composed of the best men in Lynn. . . . I have reclaimed the Charter of Canton Cambridge, and there will be a new Canton in that city before many days. . . . Before another Department Council meeting, I shall show you several new Cantons."

Accepting these statements without objection, and ordering them placed on the Records of the Council, it must be assumed that they met the approval of the Body, and that the Department Commander was authorized to take proceedings accordingly.

There is no better settled principle in law than that an association, corporation or individual is bound by the acts of the agent, acting upon an implied authority from his principal, he having stated to his principal what he was going to do, the principal making no objection.

Section 30 gives to Department Councils the power to charter Cantons. Section 104 authorizes them to confer this power upon Department Commanders during recess. This power to a limited extent, by the action above set forth, the Department Council, by implication, conferred upon the Department Commander "during recess," subject of course to a report to it, and its approval thereof, as in the case of "The City of Lynn," when next convened.

This implied authority was not absolute, but predicated upon the report to be made showing that it was for the benefit and growth of the Military branch. Such report and showing must, under this implied authority, be made to the Department Council at its next meeting, and that Body will then pass upon the wisdom of their establishment, and make such decision thereon, as under all the circumstances the best interests of the Military branch require.

I hold, therefore, that under the implied authority, given by the Department Council, in the disposition it made of the Department Commander's Report, he had the right to institute the Canton at Springfield, July 18th, subject to his report thereon and the approval of the wisdom of establishing it, at its next meeting.

Fraternally yours,

J. W. STEBBINS,

Commander-in-Chief.

Many of the imperfections, and some of the difficulties that have followed in interpreting these two Codes, appear in the foregoing decisions. In endeavoring to interpret them as nearly as possible on the lines of former principles established for their government, many of which seem to be entirely swept away by the repeating clauses, we have endeavored to follow the *spirit* rather than the *letter* of the text—mindful of that wise saying, that has quite ripened into an axiom: "The *letter* killeth, but the *spirit* maketh alive."

In doing so, we are not unconscious of the fact that, in some instances we have approached closely to the "border line" of what may be termed "judicial legislation;" which, however near approached should never be crossed, but the responsibility if disaster follows, be thrown back upon the ill-advised legislation that led to the result. Where doubt has existed, our "guiding star" has been "what will best subserve the interests of the Order, and bring to it the greatest practical good." And where that pointed, if possible under the forgoing rules of interpretation, we have boldly followed, knowing that at least it would awaken inquiry, and, in the end, lead to correct results.

It is to be hoped that these two Codes will be put in such form before this Communication closes, that no such perplexities will attend their future interpretation and administration.

That these two branches should have grown and flourished under these embarrassments is strong evidence, if any were needed, of their intrinsic value, and of the elasticity and strength inherent in them.

SUBORDINATE LODGES, ETC.

63. *Decision.*—The Floor Work is not obligatory, but recommended. Wherein it may differ from the Ritual, it must, be disregarded.

64. *Decision.*—Several weak Jurisdictions, joining together and forming a Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association, such association may do business

in each of said Jurisdictions, without the certificate required to enable it to do business in other Jurisdictions, than that in which it is organized.

65. *Decision.*—Sec. 1120 of the Digest is not repealed by Section 131 of the P. M. Code, and at installation of Lodge Officers the P. M. uniforms cannot be worn.

66. Grand Lodges cannot delegate to Rebekah Assemblies power to charter Rebekah Lodges.

67. Attentive and pecuniary benefits must be distinguished. One depends upon "good standing," the other does not.

68. A By-Law of a Lodge depriving a member of benefits after reaching the age of 65, is illegal and void.

69. A member guilty of conduct unbecomming an Odd Fellow in a Rebekah Lodge may be tried in that Lodge, or in his Subordinate Lodge. If tried in his Lodge, Rebekahs may appear before the committee of trial and give testimony.

70. Question.—After the time for correcting and approving the minutes of a Lodge has gone by, and a mistake or error is discovered, can it be corrected?

Answer.—Yes. But if the claimed mistake is disputed, by Parlimentary Law, a committee must be appointed to ascertain and report the facts, upon the coming in of which report, the Body must determine whether the mistake or omission exists.

71. By Parlimentary Law no motion can be reconsidered but once. If the motion is made, and indefinitely postponed, and the rules of the Lodge provide that indefinite postponement cannot be reconsidered, that ends the power of the Body to reconsider.

72. Question.—Has a committee examining a visiting Brother the right to examine him in the address to the Chairs?

Answer.—Yes—in everything up to the highest Degree of the Subordinate Lodge to which he has attained.

73. *Decision.*—In the absence of local law, three years does not bar the right to prosecute a member for an offense.

74. *Decision.*—A Visiting Card need not be returned to the Lodge issuing it, when it is deposited with another Lodge, upon which to make membership. If elected a certificate of election from that Lodge entitles a Brother to a Withdrawal Card, if the member is free from all charges on the books of his Lodge—Section 672.

75. *Decision.*—A Brother out of the Order by Withdrawal Card for one year, nine months and twenty-six days, working to get up a Lodge, and becoming a charter member is not entitled to the Honorary Veteran Jewel after fifty years of service, covering the above period.

76. *Decision.*—No Past Grand or member, can legally vote in any other than his own Lodge.

77. *Decision.*—The general law does not permit a Lodge to remit dues. They must be paid.

78. Question.—Can a Grand Lodge pay out of its funds, or assess the Subordinates to raise a fund to support aged members of defunct Lodges?

Answer.—No. (Decision 33, Journal 1894).

79. Question.—If acting as Trustee for such members, and receiving and disbursing for their benefit as they shall direct, can a *quasi* Visiting Card, stating their relation to the Order and giving them the right of visitation, be legally issued by the Grand Officers, under the authority of the Grand Lodge?

Answer.—No.

80. *Decision.*—The offices of Grand Sire, and Deputy Grand Sire being in many respects incompatible with that of Grand Representative, an

election to and installation in either, vacates the office of Grand Representative.

81. *Decision.*—There can be no average of benefits paid, making the total paid the first year amount to $104, without a violation of the "Minimum Benefit Law."

The precise question, in the form of an amendment, was proposed in 1892, and voted down, which, by implication, gives that law a construction, and removes the ambiguity in the words, "one full year's benefits."

82. *Decision.*—A Brother holding an unexpired Visiting Card, and having the A. T. P. W., has a right to visit Lodges in his own Jurisdiction, though he has not the Term Password.

83. QUESTION.—If at the session of the Grand Lodge upon the returns from Subordinates then made, the Grand Lodge is entitled to but one Representative, and elects him, and before the session of the S. G. L., the membership actually increases, so that if the Grand Lodge were to convene, it could elect a second Representative, but there being no session until after that of the S. G. L., has the Grand Master power to appoint a Representative?

Answer.—He has not under Section 1, Article IX, of the Constitution of this Grand Body. Representatives must be *elected* by the Grand Lodge in every case except in filling vacancies. To make a vacancy, the place vocated must have been occupied. The case stated in the question is not therefore a vacancy. It is a new official right, conferred by the law upon the Grand Lodge, and can only be filled as provided in the Constitution. This question was so decided in 1888.

84. *Decision.*—State Grand Bodies have no right to print certificates of membership for members of defunct Lodges. (Journal 1879, pp. 8117-8179.)

85. *Decision.*—The act of this Grand Body in "attaching" the Territory of Alaska to the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington, is not in conflict with the decision of 1873, nor with Section 7, of Article I. of the Constitution. That section gives the immediate jurisdiction over all Subordinates in outlying territory to the S. G. L. But it having supreme control, may *attach* portions of such outlying territory to adjacent Jurisdictions, in its discretion.

86. *Decision.*—In canvassing the votes for Grand Officers, cast by the Past Grands, if in some Lodges P. G's. are allowed to vote who are disqualified, and such illegal votes charged to the successful candidate, and deducted from his vote, would change the result, the entire vote of such Lodges should be thrown out, and the result declared on the remainder.

87. *Decision.*—The *Special* Committee, so-called, but in correct Parliamentary phrase, *select* (See Cushing, Sections 259 and 263), appointed on Grand Secretary's Office in 1892 (Journal p. 13,071), was continued and authorized to purchase an office upon its report in 1893, by the adoption of the resolution appended to the report (Journal p. 13,548). That resolution continued the committee for another year. But for that resolution being a *select* and not a *standing* committee, it had been dissolved (Cushing, Sections 262 and 293). The committee in 1894 (Journal p. 14,014) reported, and after some discussion, it was laid on the table, and no further action taken, or instruction given. The committee was thereby dissolved and no further action can be taken by it in the premises.

88. *Decision.*—Grand Officers and Grand Representatives are not authorized to introduce members of their own Grand Jurisdiction—only members of other Jurisdictions. The only authority for such introduction is given by Article XIV. of the By-Laws of the S. G. L. Some of the decisions on that subject are loosely worded and misleading.

89. *Decision.*—The right of a widow to after-death-benefits does not depend upon color or any other embarrassment under which she may labor at the time of her husband's death. If she was his lawful wife at the time of his death, and he died in good standing, she is entitled to the funeral benefit. (See Section 106, Digest.)

90. *Decision.*—A Subordinate Lodge, by general law, has no authority to receive applications for membership, refer, elect, initiate and confer the three Degrees the same night for the purpose of qualifying them to form a Lodge.

2d. The Grand Officers, as such, cannot after institution, initiate candidates nor confer the Degrees.

91. *Decision.*—A D. D. G. S. may be appointed, though not a P. C. P. except "Where Grand Encampments may be established." He cannot install the officers of a Subordinate Encampment unless he be a P. C. P., but he can appoint some one that is qualified, to do so.

92. *Decision.*—In the absence of any local prohibition, a Lodge may elect any one qualified member in its Jurisdiction as its Representative to the Grand Lodge.

93. *Decision.*—It is not legal for a Lodge to pass a By-Law making a part of its membership beneficial after three months' membership, and another part not beneficial until after six months' membership. The six months clause is null and void. (Section 128, *Digest.*)

94. QUESTION.—Can members in the anteroom be compelled to vote, unless excused, it being a part of the Lodge room?

Answer.—They cannot, nor can they vote from the anteroom. To be entitled to take part in the business of the Lodge, they must come into the Lodge room proper. The anteroom is a part of the Lodge room only for certain purposes.

95. *Decision*—Holding a live Withdrawal Card, *i. e.*, one that has not expired, gives the holder a quasi-membership, and if the Card is deposited within the year with a petition for full membership, and such membership is made upon it, the continuity of his yearly membership is not destroyed so as to deprive him of the Honorable Veteran Jewel.

96. Where the By-Laws of the Lodge provide that the penalty for a specific offence shall be either suspension or expulsion, and the Constitution provides that the Lodge shall fix the penalty by vote, unless it be a single penalty, that it shall require a two-thirds vote for expulsion as the Lodge must vote; and if two-thirds be not cast against the Brother, the penalty to be inflicted must be suspension, no vote for that purpose being required.

97. The General Law of the Order requires only night nurses or watchers to be furnished as "attentive benefits," not day nurses.

98. Public Installations may be held in other than the regular Lodge room (Section 1026, *Digest*), and may be joint Installations, the Lodges being legally convened.

99. If a candidate is blackballed by a Lodge, that had no legal right to receive and act upon the application, the candidate being ignorant of the fact, he need not wait six months before applying for membership in a proper Lodge, and such Lodge has a right to receive and act upon his application, the former action being illegal and null and void.

100. Suspension for cause terminates "good standing," and not being restored until after the expiration of one year, breaks the continuity of years, so that the member, though restored, is not entitled to the twenty-five years Veteran Jewel, if the twenty-five years embrace the year of suspension.

101. Where permission is given, by the proper authorities, for the admission of a non-resident candidate to membership in a Lodge out of the Jurisdiction in which he resides, and the fees for admission are less than are charged by the Lodge nearest his residence, he must pay the amount charged by the Lodge at his residence, and the Lodge receiving him must pay the difference to the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction where he resides.

Many other decisions have been made, but are not deemed of sufficient importance, or doubt, to be mentioned.

Ten of these, it will be seen, have been decided thirty-five times.

THE NEW DIGEST.

Immediately after the close of our last communication, pursuant to the instructions on p. 14,031, as amended on p. 14,069, I submitted the proposition to six different printing houses, asking for bids, for printing 1,000 copies, similar in style and quality to the edition of 1889. Upon receiving their propositions, it became apparent that the edition could not be prepared for the sum to which the instructions limited me, and not being willing to incur for this Grand Body any liability not authorized, the work seemed to come to a standstill.

Pending the receiving of the printer's figures, I had negotiated with Past Grand Sire JOHN H. WHITE for the work of digesting, and, upon receiving the figures for printing, informed him that I could enter into no contract for the work, through lack of sufficient appropriation, whereupon I received from him the following offer:

"ALBION, ORLEANS CO., N. Y., October 12th, 1894.

"Hon. JOHN W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire:*

"DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Knowing as I do that the sum of $2,000.00 appropriated for a new edition of the Digest is insufficient for that purpose and you having expressed your unwillingness to obligate the Sovereign Grand Lodge beyond that amount, I hereby offer to complete said Digest, read proof and do all that belongs to me to do and take what is left of the appropriation for the work, the whole cost not to exceed $1,500,00; without any legal obligation on the part of the Grand Lodge to pay more for the services after paying for the printing of 1000 copies of the Digest, than what is left of the appropriation, relying upon the Grand Lodge for further compensation adequate to the labor performed, knowing as I do, that the Grand Lodge will be willing to pay what it is worth. Fraternally yours,

JOHN H. WHITE."

To this communication I replied as follows:

"OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
ROCHESTER, October 20th, 1894.

"JNO. H. WHITE, *Past Grand Sire:*

"DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Your proposition came while I was absent in the West, just having returned, I hasten to reply. I accept your proposition upon the terms you offer, believing it to be within the scope of the authority given me by the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. I have not yet heard from all of the parties to whom I have submitted the matter of printing, for bids; but from those from whom I have heard, you must not expect a very large margin left towards reimbursing you for your labor in digesting the work. You may proceed with the work of digesting as fast as you conveniently can, as the question of printing will soon be settled and there are already a number of calls for the book. Fraternally yours,

J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire.*"

With this arrangement Bro. WHITE entered upon the work of preparing the Digest. Though the Revised Journal was late in its issue, advanced sheets were furnished him, and early in the Spring it was substantially completed, except the Patriarchs Militant and Rebekah Codes and the laws appertaining to those two branches.

Meantime so many questions had been submitted and so much misunderstanding and such differences of opinion had arisen in regard to their meaning that I deemed it unadvisable to have them digested until the Sovereign Grand Lodge should have reviewed and determined their meaning and in some important particulars, where defects were apparent, amended them.

It seemed to me that prudence and economy both demanded that the Digest in these particulars be left open, until this Grand Body had the opportunity to review those Codes and the many decisions I have been called upon to render upon them; and therefore I directed Past Grand Sire WHITE to proceed no further until after this session.

From the bids received for printing, none of which has been accepted, nor disclosed to any one, and the probability that soon after the issue of an edition of 1,000 another issue will be required—as a second 1,000 can be procured at the time for a much less sum than at a subsequent issue, I would suggest the propriety of making the edition larger than at present proposed.

THE FARGO DIFFICULTY.

No progress has been made towards the return of the funds wrongfully diverted from the purpose for which they were obtained, from the Order at large by Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, of Fargo, North Dakota.

Immediately after the close of the session at Chattanooga I was informed by the Grand Secretary, that he had forwarded a certified copy of the order of this Grand Body to the Grand Master of that Jurisdiction. Fearing that the matter might be overlooked or neglected, under my duty as Grand Sire, "to see to the enforcement of the laws, and sometimes judicially to expound them," I addressed to the Grand Masters of the Jurisdictions of Missouri, Oregon, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, and others, a note, they being the ones most largely interested, in that those Jurisdictions had advanced the largest amount of that fund, from no one of whom have I received any reply, not even an acknowledgement of its receipt, calling their attention to the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the page on the Revised Journal where the same could be found; also informing them, that the entire amount received by Northern Light Lodge—detailing the amount from each Grand Jurisdiction—would be found on pp. 452 to 465 of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, together with the manner of its disposition, as reported to and approved by that Grand Body, through its Special Committee, which report showed also the amount misappropriated.

I suggested that each figure out the amount to which his Jurisdiction was entitled, and make a written demand for the same, of the Grand Lodge, through its Grand Officers, and report to me the answer received, that I might lay it before this session. I am not advised what action has been taken by any of them. A copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, held in June last, however, informs me that the Grand Master reported only briefly on the subject, which report was referred to a Special Committee, and that the report of the Special Committee was adopted, from which it appears that the Grand Master claims to have received no official notice of the action of this Grand Body, and that the Revised Journal did not reach him in time, to enable him to take any

action, prior to the June session. This excuse has much the appearance of a subterfuge to escape duty.

The Special Committee, after stating the discrepancy between the statement of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of this Grand Body, "*Recommend* the Grand Lodge direct Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, to *comply* with the resolution adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge," etc. After quite a discussion, the "*recommendation*" of the committee was adopted, and there, so far as the record discloses, that Grand Body permitted the matter to slumber.

I feel it to be my duty to bring this subject sharply to your notice, not alone for the good of North Dakota Grand Lodge and its Subordinates, but for the good of the whole Brotherhood.

If Lodges are allowed to pervert trust funds, drawn from sister Jurisdictions, in their dire necessity, when their own Grand Jurisdiction is pecuniarily too weak to meet the emergency and erroneously misapply them, it will not be long before such appeals for aid will find no response and one of the great ends of our Organization will be defeated.

This the first, and it is to be hoped the last instance of such a diversion that has officially come to the notice of this Grand Body, and should receive prompt and heroic treatment, and an example be set that will restore confidence in the integrity of our Lodges throughout the entire Brotherhood.

Since preparing the above I have received the following communication from the committee of Northern Light Lodge, No. 1:

FARGO, N. D., August 1, 1895.

Hon. J. W. STEBBINS, *Sov. Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., Rochester, New York.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Herewith please find enclosed a copy of the Report of the Special Committee of Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, having in charge the "Fargo Difficulty,"—so called.

I presume this matter will reach you through official channels—but for fear of delay or miscarriage, as seemed to have happened in the transmission of official communications, demonstrated therein—I beg your indulgence, and request your attention to the enclosed with respect to the following:

1. Of the various communications claimed to have been sent out by the Sovereign Grand Secretary, none have ever reached Northern Light Lodge, No. 1.

2. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary of North Dakota Jurisdiction, officially state: "No official communications have reached them, or either of them, regarding 'the Fargo Difficulty,' although Grand Secretary Ross writes Grand Representative ROWE that certain documents had been certified to Grand Master JOHNSTON, Nov. 17, 1894."

3. I request your special attention to the North Dakota Grand Lodge Journal of 1894, page 596, comparing the report of the Special Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on page 14,175, of the S. G. L. Journal, 1894, and ask you as a lawyer and as a Brother, if the third conclusion to the said committee's report, on page 14,175, claiming to be copied "verbatim," is not garbled, and if an attorney attempted such imposition upon a court, would it not be sufficient cause for preferring charges, leading to disbarment?

As Sovereign Grand Sire, I respectfully request your attention to Section 419, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Digest, and ask you: Can a report of a Special Committee abrogate an established law, even admitting said report was adopted—of which we have reason to doubt?

I have a letter from the Grand Secretary, dated Oct. 13, 1894, stating that:

"There is error in the Daily Journal of the S. G. Lodge, page 272, report No. 202, the words 'which were considered and adopted,' should be erased. The action as stated on page 275, according to our Mss. copy is correct and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota has been furnished with a certified copy of the proceedings."

In spite of this statement, the Sovereign Grand Lodge shows a different disposition and the Grand Lodge of North Dakota directs that Northern Light Lodge shall obey the mandates therein—which we hold would conflict with Section 419 of the Digest.

Are we asking too much of you, as a lawyer of repute, to hold that "Northern Light Lodge cannot be legally called upon to plead, to make answer, or demur, until furnished with verified papers,"—none so far having been received?

Not wishing to trespass upon your valuable time, but only desirous that we may have a hearing, and that justice may prevail I will conclude by directing your attention to pages 674–5–6 of the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, 1895.

I had the honor of being presented to you at Chattanooga, by Brother Wm. H. Spencer, and I beg, on behalf of the cause I represent, and as a Brother, your kindly attention to the foregoing, and shall be pleased with an acknowledgment of your receipt of these presents, at your early convenience. Very respectfully yours in F., L. and T.,

A. W. Edwards,
Chairman Committee.

(Dictated to A. C. E.)

Fargo, N. D., July 25, 1895.

Don McDonald, *Esq., Grand Secretary I. O. O. F., Grand Forks. N. D:*

Dear Sir and Brother—Replying to your recent favor to Secretary, Brother G. M. Dawson, we have copies of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal, but what we ask for are such official communications and orders from the Sovereign Grand Lodge officials as may have been received by the Grand Officials of this Jurisdiction in relation to Northern Light Lodge No. 1.

As a committee in charge of this matter, on behalf of Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., we cannot see our way to act upon unauthenticated reports of what may, or may not have been done, by higher power. What we desire is:

1. A certified copy of the S. G. L. Special Committee's Report, claimed to be set forth on pages 14,174–5 of the S. G. L. Journal, 1894.

2. All other communications from the S. G. L. relating to the alleged "Fargo Difficulty."

We ask for verified accusations, as there is reason to doubt if the S. G. L. passed upon the report, as printed in the Journal on page 14,175, the same being in conflict with the established rules of the Order, to obey the mandates of which, would vitiate Section 419 of the S. G. L. Digest, and abrogate the ruling in Section 418, *supra.*

On page 635 of the Journal of Proceedings of North Dakota G. L., 1895, a copy of the letter is printed, claimed to have been received by Grand Representative Rowe, from the Sovereign Grand Secretary, which reads as follows:

"In reply to your postal of the 25th, I have to say that Oct. 11, 1894, I notified J. W. Johnston, Grand Master, of the action of the S. G. L. as it appeared on the Journal, Sept. 1, 1894, (pp. 272–275), with what I supposed was the necessary correction." "Subsequently it was claimed that the report was erroneous." * * * "This correction was certified to Grand Master Johnston, Nov. 17, 1894."

On page 665, N. D. G. L. Journal, 1895, appears a footnote to the S. G. S.'s letter, above quoted, which reads:

"The Grand Master states that no such communication has come to his hands."

The Grand Master of North Dakota asserts that he has not received any such communications. See his report, p. 623, Journal of the Proceedings of the G. L. N. D., fifth annual session, held at Valley City, June 5, 6, 7, 1895.

The Grand Master reiterates this in open session of the Grand Lodge. See 365, *supra.*

On page 635 of the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, the Grand Secretary asserts, in relation to the "Fargo Matter," that:

"There has been no official communication received on this matter, and in my examination of the Journals from the different Jurisdictions, I find that the issue is still a live one."

A letter from the Sovereign Grand Secretary, dated Oct. 13, 1894,—which is in the possession of this committee,—states that the report of this Special Committee of the S. G. L., at the Chattanooga session, as it appears in the Daily Journal of Proceedings of that session, was disposed of, as found in the said daily Journal p. 275.—and that Grand Master JOHNSTON of this Jurisdiction: "Has been furnished with a certified copy of the proceedings." We ask for the same.

Grand Representative ROWE was a member of the committee of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, at the fourth annual session, held at Grand Forks, June 5, 6, 7, 1894, that investigated and made the report to said Grand Lodge of North Dakota, as to "the Fargo Matter," it was unanimously adopted by said Grand Lodge, and concluded as follows:

"Your committee further finds that the action of the relief committee, in apportioning any of the funds received by any Brothers whose financial condition was such that they were able to donate the same for the purposes of the Lodge other than relief, was improper, and would amount to a diversion of the funds from the purposes for which they were solicited.

"Your committee, therefore, recommend that this Grand Lodge disapprove the action of the relief committee in making any such apportionment as above stated, and believe that, if any funds were so diverted, they should be returned to the source from whence received.

"Your committee, without going into the merits of the case, which is not within the province of this committee, believe that the action of the Relief Committee, in apportioning the funds, was taken in good faith, and that the Brothers, in donating to the Lodge the funds received, were acting with a desire to promote the good of the Order."

By reference to the Special Committee's Report, to be found on pages 14,174–5, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal, you will notice—although said committee claims to have copied "verbatim" from our Grand Lodge Committee's Report—that the foregoing paragraphs, favorable to us, are entirely omitted, and we think, with the deliberate intention to mislead.

With the contradictory statements, and other conflicting assertions, and the fact that Northern Light Lodge, I. O. O. F., has never yet been furnished with any specific charges, or any charges, other than those seen in print—in common justice—this committee asks how can Northern Light Lodge be justified in acting, until furnished with verified charges and specifications, which, in law, is never denied the accused?

We hold that Northern Light Lodge cannot be legally called upon to plead, make answer, or demur, to the alleged charges, until furnished with verified papers.

We are willing to obey the legal mandates of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as well as the Grand Lodge of our own Jurisdiction; we simply express ourselves on behalf of the members of Northern Light Lodge, in the language of Paul before Agrippa, that "we shall be informed properly whereof we stand accused."

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

[SEAL.] Official: *Sec'y N. L. Lodge, No.* 1.

To this communication, which was the first intimation I had received that the Grand Officers were taking any steps in the matter, I sent the following reply, my interference in the premises being solicited:

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

Rochester, New York, August 8, 1895.

A. W. EDWARDS, *Chairman Committee, etc.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Your communications for and on behalf of Northern Light, No. 1—one addressed under Seal of the Lodge to DON MCDONALD, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota; the other to myself, as Grand Sire, asking my interference in the premises—came duly to hand. Although not from a source that the Constitution and Laws of the S. G. L. make it obligatory upon me to consider; yet, coming as it does, under Seal of the Lodge, and containing grave reflections on the integrity of a committee of that Grand Body, upon its Grand Secretary, and, by implication, upon the Body itself; seems to demand that it should not be passed in silence.

First—I desire you on behalf of the Lodge, to withdraw the following language in the communication addressed to your Grand Secretary: "Although said committee claims to have copied *verbatim* from our Grand Lodge Committee's Report: That the foregoing concluding paragraphs—favorable to us—are entirely omitted, *and we think with the deliberate intention to mislead.*" Also the following: "We ask for *verified* accusations, as there is *reason* to *doubt* if the S. G. L. *passed* upon the *report* as printed on page 14,175." Also the following in your appeal to me as Grand Sire: "I ask you as a lawyer and a Brother, if the 3d conclusion claiming to be copied *verbatim*, is not garbled, and if an attorney *attempted* such an *imposition* upon a court, would it not be sufficient cause for preferring charges, leading to *disbarment.*"

Upon second thought, you cannot fail to see that such language is out of place under the circumstances, in a fraternal organization. I am sure you must have been laboring under undue excitement when it was penned, and that it has at no time received the sanction of the Lodge, though over its Seal.

Second—The statement upon its face carries with it an untruth, which makes it all the more reprehensible. The committee, as you must know, for you had all the facts before you, and were yourself an actor in them, did not profess to quote all of the report of the committee, but did quote *verbatim* all that it professed to quote, which were the findings of *fact* and the *recommendations* of your Grand Lodge Committee. The error into which, on behalf of Northern Light Lodge, you seem to have fallen is that charges have been made against the Lodge, to which she must answer or demur, as upon trial; hence your complaint *that* proper papers have not been served upon the Lodge. Nothing of the kind exists, and it is to be hoped that the Lodge, in making honorable amends for her error, will not take a course that will make charges necessary.

The claim made by sister Jurisdictions is, that Northern Light Lodge has obtained money from them for a specific purpose, and has used but a small portion of it for that purpose; and they ask to have returned to them such

proportion of the amount contributed as has not been so used. In the investigation of that question, by the committee appointed by your Grand Master, inasmuch as your Relief Committee stated that they had paid out all but $739.29, it became necessary for the committee to ascertain how it had been disbursed. It was the *fact* of its use or misuse—not the *intent*—that constituted the whole subject of that inquiry. The *intent* of its use or misuse would be the pertinent subject of inquiry, upon *charges* against the Lodge. The *fact only* on an investigation to ascertain whether those claiming that a portion should be paid back to them, was well founded, or whether in *fact* all had been used for the purpose for which it was given. That is the whole of this investigation. The *fact alone* of misappropriation, by pure mistake, if you please, would entitle the complainants to its return.

You ask for the service of documents, and yet have in your possession all that is needed—the order of the S. G. L. to which you refer at p. 14,175 of Journal of 1894, based upon the undisputed record of the *facts* in your Grand Lodge Journal of 1894 at pp. 451 to 471 inclusive, and the report and the adoption thereof of your Judiciary Committee on pp. 595 and 596. If you will carefully read these references, you will find that the committee of your Grand Lodge went to Fargo, met the Relief Committee of your Lodge and from their books, papers and statements obtained all the data contained in that lengthy report. I call your special attention to their language, found on p. 457: "The committee met the Relief Committee of Northern Light Lodge," they say, "at Fargo, April 16th, 1894." Also, at p. 465, where they say: "Your committee wish to state that the books and accounts of the Relief Committee are in excellent shape and every cent is accounted for by vouchers. They also have an itemized statement of each individual Lodge which donated, by Jurisdictions. * * * * The members and officers of Northern Light Lodge extended every courtesy to your committee, as did also the Relief Committee." Thus it seems that the Lodge officers, as well as members of the Lodge, were present. Upon *facts* thus obtained the committee find that the following amounts were received from Jurisdictions as follows:

North Dakota	$ 612 90	South Dakota	$ 424 95
Nebraska	545 85	Florida	41 75
British Columbia	163 00	Iowa	1,097 46
West Virginia	208 99	Missouri	700 55
Montana	279 42	Indiana	971 51
Arkansas	53 40	Minnesota	1,183 15
New Hampshire	352 25	Georgia	107 00
Lower Provinces	129 75	Oregon	622 86
North Carolina	97 72	Vermont	139 85
Delaware	138 00	Manitoba	205 80
Virginia	138 50	Massachusetts	1,401 05
Wyoming	96 50	Mississippi	30 50
Washington	472 90	Alabama	71 50
Michigan	680 15	New Jersey	555 25
Tennessee	117 25	New York	1,004 38
Louisiana	77 00	Quebec	94 00
Ohio	420 60	Utah	77 00

Total from Grand Lodges	$13,312.74
Total from Grand Encampments	636.43
Making a total of	$13,949.17

On p. 460, of the same Journal, after detailing the items legitimately disbursed, they say as a summary of the *facts*, "Making a total amount for *actual relief and expenses*, $2,905.46." Deducting this from the total received ("$13,949.17") leaves not so used, and to be returned, $11,043.71.

These figures, with those giving the detail, all taken from the records of the Lodge, were refered to your Judiciary Committee—one of the ablest committees of your Grand Lodge—and their report (pp. 595-6) was adopted, it appears, without dissent; Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, having its representative on the floor in the person of A. W. Edwards (yourself), a leading member of the Legislative Committee. (See pp. 434 and 437 of the same Journal).

That report thus adopted found all the *facts* in question, just as stated in the report of the Special Committee, *verbatim*, and which you have pleased to characterize in the language above quoted, the withdrawal of which is requested.

By that adjudication of the *facts*, in the presence of the representative of Northern Light Lodge, they being furnished by its Relief Committee, no dissent being made and no appeal being taken, the same having been approved by the S. G. L., the Lodge is estopped from further investigation of the *facts*, and must respond to the several Grand Jurisdictions for the amount above found in the ratio above set forth, which I have taken the trouble to quote as well for your easy reference as for their's.

It is not a little surprising that you should have called my attention to Sec. 419 of the Digest. Had you turned to the S. G. L. Journal, p. 6,578, and read the report of the Legislative Committee, upon which that section is predicated, I think that reference would have been omitted, at least as a plea on behalf of Northern Light Lodge. Lest you may not have it at hand, I will quote a part of it *verbatim* containing their reasons for reporting those resolutions:

"It may also be stated that the funds provided for such purposes have generally been administered in such a manner as to shed great *luster* upon all concerned. Yet *instances* have occurred in which, after supplying the wants of the afflicted, a surplus has been left, which in the opinion of many should have been *returned* to the *donors*, or placed under the control of *this* Body."

Only one course seems to be left open to Northern Light Lodge, No. 1. To make honorable amends, by a broad and unqualified withdrawal of her unfraternal reflections upon the committee of the S. G. L., its Grand Secretary, and speedily as possible obey the order of her Grand Lodge and the S. G. L. by returning the $11,043.71 to the several Grand Jurisdictions their proportionate shares thereof.

In view of the character of the papers presented, and the gravity of the consequences that might follow a longer procrastination, I have felt it my duty to be thus full in my reply to your request.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. Stebbins, *Grand Sire.*

About the same time I addressed a letter to the Grand Secretary, asking for a copy of his letter to the Lodge, to which its papers made reference, and received by due course of mail the following:

Office of Don McDonald, Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of North Dakota, I. O. O. F.,
Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 9, 1895.

J. W. Stebbins, *Grand Sire, Rochester, N. Y.:*

Dear Sir and Brother.—The enclosed copy of letter mailed to Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, perhaps needs no explanation. You are doubtless acquainted with this matter so far as the Sovereign Grand Lodge is concerned. The matter was referred to a Special Committee at our last session, and the committee reported as found on page 664-665, N. D. Journal 1895, nd the resolution introduced by the committee was almost unanimously

adopted. Acting under this action of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master instructed me to make demand upon Northern Light Lodge for the settlement of the matter. My communication was referred to a Special Committee of the Lodge, and they made a request for all the information that I could give them on the matter. I mailed to them a copy of the Journal of Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and also of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, under Seal of the Grand Lodge. They now come back with the report, a copy of which I suppose was sent to you, with a request that I forward to Grand Secretary Ross of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, requesting that he embody it in his report. After consulting with Grand Master McConville, we have decided that this would not be proper as we were not in position to refer this back to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as that would be virtually doing, and we have now made a demand upon them for a specific reply as to whether they do or do not intend to comply with the demands of the Grand Lodge. This is all there is to the matter so far, but until the Sovereign Grand Lodge sees fit to change its order, we can see no other way than to carry out its mandates. Fraternally,

D. McDonald, *G. Sec'y.*

[Copy.]

Office of Don McDonald, Grand Secretary.
Grand Lodge of North Dakota, I. O. O. F.,
Grand Forks, N. D., June 20, 1895.

To the Noble Grand, Officers and Members, Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, Fargo, N. D.:

Pursuant to instructions received this day from H. H. McConville, Grand Master, I desire to call your attention to the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as found under the head of report No. 201, pages 14,174, 14,175, S. G. L. Journal, 1894, and to the action of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota at its annual session, June 4, 5, 6, 1895, requiring Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, to comply with the demands of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. And you are now hereby directed to pay over to this Grand Lodge all moneys received under call for relief issued by your Lodge, and bearing date June 16, 1893, which were not used for the relief of destitute members and the payment of legitimate expenses.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge this 20th day of June, A. D. 1895.

[seal.] D. McDonald, *Grand Secretary.*

Since the receipt of the foregoing, I have received the following communication from the Committee of Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, and have informed them that the whole would appear in my report of the case to this Grand Body.

(Dictated to A. C. E.)

Fargo, N. D., August 15, 1895.

Hon. J. W. Stebbins, *Sovereign Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., Rochester, New York:*

Dear Sir and Brother.—Acknowledging your valued favor of the 8th inst. on behalf of Northern Light Lodge, I have to say:

First—According to your desire so much of our communication to Grand Secretary McDonald, as expresses a "doubt" in regard to the action of the S. G. L. on page 14,175 of the Journal, is hereby withdrawn.

Second—By reference to my communication addressed to the Sovereign Grand Sire under date of August 1st, you will notice under subdivision 3, commencing at the bottom of page 1 of said communication, I use this language in regard to the alleged "garbled report"—"as a lawyer and as a Brother"—not as an *official.* However, in order that there may be no misunderstanding, the question is hereby withdrawn.

Third—In the next section I direct the attention of the Sovereign Grand Sire to Sec. 419 of the Digest. Not having access to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal of olden days, I never had read the debates or the reports of the committee, but only the conclusions as embodied in the Digest. If I remember rightly Associate Chief Justice STANLEY MATTHEWS, was confirmed by one vote to that high office—but I never heard his decisions were questioned for that—and I cannot see how the debate upon the making of the laws, can change the condition of that law as promulgated in the Digest.

It is not my purpose to enter into the discussion on the merits of our case here, but simply ask that we may be permitted to go before the Sovereign Grand Lodge Committee on Appeals, and have opportunity there, to show the facts in regard to "the Fargo matter" as we understand them.

It may not be out of place, for your information, to say here, that the Special Committee appointed by the Grand Master of North Dakota, to examine the action of Northern Light Lodge Relief Committee, came in the midst of the work, and its report to the Grand Master was only a *partial report*, covering the actions up to the time the examination was made. The final report of our Relief Committee embodies a *full report* of every thing done regarding "the Fargo matter."

Personally, referring to the alleged "garbling" by the Special Committee, is it not true my dear sir, that a lawyer who would quote from a decision in such a way as to seek to mislead the Court, would lose his standing?

The report of the Judiciary Committee to our Grand Lodge in 1884, does not seem to me to *declare* that any funds were diverted, but—"*that if any funds were so diverted*" etc.—now, to explain, it is necessary to read the next paragraph of the said committee's report, which declares, in substance, that *good faith was shown not only by the Lodge but by all the Brethren.*

If "the facts" were found by the Special Committee upon a report of our Grand Lodge Committee, which was only quoted—not for the purpose of enlightenment, but seemingly, to establish a *prima facie* case—are we not entitled to a rehearing?

It is proper, perhaps, for you to require the withdrawal of any unparliamentary or personal reflection, and I cheerfully do so on behalf of Northern Light Lodge, the committee of which I am Chairman, and for myself personally.

The fact is, we have felt that an injustice has been done to our Lodge, and judgment being entered without an opportunity of our being heard, and we ask in fairness, and in the cause of Odd Fellowship, an opportunity to submit our defense, and present the conditions as we understand them.

With a full desire to meet every requirement of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and those from the Grand Lodge of our own Jurisdiction, we beg to remain,

Fraternally yours in F., L. and T.,

A. W. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

Attest:

[SEAL.] GEO. M. DAWSON, *Rec. Sec.*

(Dictated to A. C. E.)

FARGO, N. D., August 16, 1895.

Hon. J. W. STEBBINS, *Sovereign Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., Rochester, N. Y.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Under this cover I herewith hand you copy under Seal, of our appeal addressed to the Grand Secretary of this Jurisdiction, requesting him to forward the same through proper channels.

You will notice in this appeal that we have followed your instructions in withdrawing certain allegations, and trust the same shall meet your approval, and that Northern Light Lodge may have an opportunity to be heard on re-opening the case, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours in F., L. & T.,

A. W. EDWARDS.

(Dictated to A. C. E.)

FARGO, N. D., August 15, 1895.

DON MCDONALD, Esq., *Grand Sec'y G. L. N. D., I.O.O.F., Grand Forks, N. D.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—By direction of Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., I have to acknowledge your official communication under Seal, of August 7, in relation to an appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

In our communication to you under date of July 30 it was stated: "We are willing to obey the legal mandates of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as well as those of the Grand Lodge of our own Jurisdiction," etc.

We beg to assure you, and the Grand Master of this Jurisdiction through you, that Northern Light Lodge will obey, so far as in its power, the mandates as completely as possible.

We hereby appeal through you to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for a rehearing of "The Fargo matter," and respectfully ask for the right to be heard regarding the same, before the Sovereign Grand Lodge Committee on Appeals.

On behalf of Northern Light Lodge and its members, I desire to withdraw so much of our letter under date July 30, as may seem to reflect upon the Special Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Sovereign Grand Secretary—especially that portion that speaks of the report of said Special Committee's report and the comment which reads "that the foregoing concluding paragraphs favorable to us * * * are entirely omitted * * * and we think with the deliberate intention to mislead."

Pending this application for an appeal, which we trust will be officially presented to the Sovereign Grand Lodge officials without unnecessary delay, we respectfully request on behalf of Northern Light Lodge, a stay until the same is heard.

With assurances of our full consideration, and a desire to meet every mandate required of us as a Lodge, we beg to remain,

Fraternally yours in F., L. & T.,

[SEAL.] A. W. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

Attest:

GEO. M. DAWSON, *Rec. Sec.*

August 20, I acknowledged receipt of them as follows:

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
Rochester, New York, August 20th, 1895.

A. W. EDWARDS, *Chairman etc.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Your favor of the 15th is received. It came in time to enable me to add it to my report of the "Fargo difficulty" to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. All of your papers that have reached this office will go before that Grand Body, as a part of my report, as it is not my practice, nor intention, to deprive any one of any rights to which they may be entitled, or even think they are entitled. I am pleased that your sense of propriety suggested the withdrawal of the unfraternal language used. I was at the time satisfied that upon reflection you would do so.

You quite mistake my reference to the Journal from which Section 419 was digested. The Digest is not the law, but is a syllabus of the law. The law is found in the Journal. To that law I referred you, not to any *debates* upon the law. Were you quite ingenuous, in attempting thus to avoid the force of the quotation from the language of the committee?

Fraternally yours,

J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire.*

Observance of Law and its Uniform Administration.

Nothing is more conducive to stability and success in any Organization, than a due observance of its laws and uniformity in their administration. Being charged with the duty of seeing "to the enforcement of the laws and sometimes judicially to expound them," during the interim of the sessions of the Sovereign Body, many non-observances of the laws have fallen under my notice, some of which I have sought to correct. In doing so a very serious embarrassment to uniformity of administration has been met.

By the action of this Grand Body in 1893, Journal p. 13,665, upon the request of Grand Sire Campbell, permission to that officer to publish his decisions, from time to time as he should deem necessary, was refused. This the Grand Sire has construed as a prohibition upon that office. Yet decisions made by him are obligatory upon the officers and Grand Bodies, asking for and obtaining them—while other officers and Grand Bodies who do not inquire are governed by any rule or construction of the laws they may chose to adopt. Hence arises the great want of uniformity in the different Grand Jurisdictions in the administration of our laws. Again, the Grand Sire gives a decision and it is misquoted by our fraternal periodicals, it coming to them second or third hand, and the Order is misled, while he is denied the privilege, by promulgating his decision, to correct the error.

Several cases of this character have occurred during the past year. It is very clear to the Grand Sire that permission to publish his decisions from time to time as he may deem necessary should be given, both to save him the labor of answering the same question to many Jurisdictions as he has been compelled to do the past year, and that uniformity of administration of our laws may obtain, and he respectfully and earnestly renews the request made by Grand Sire Campbell in 1893. Whatever errors the Grand Sire may make, can all be corrected at the subsequent session by the Sovereign Body and thus uniformity in all the Jurisdictions will be preserved.

Some further legislation seems to be needed, for "the enforcement of the laws" of this Grand Body. Many of them, and, in some instances, the Constitutions approved by this Grand Body are disregarded.

In 1893, Journal 13,616 and 13,680, this Grand Body resolved:

"That the organization of Coteries of Daughters Militant be, and the same is hereby, prohibited." Yet such Coteries still exist, I am informed and new ones are being organized with Ritual, Secret Work, Constitution and By-Laws, etc. I am reliably informed, though not permitted to see them, that at the dedication of the Temple at Philadelphia, a large delegation of a Coterie of Daughters Militant, in full uniform, from an adjoining State was present and set on foot measures for the organization of Coteries in other States.

At the April session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, by a simple resolution, that Grand Body resolved to change the time of its Annual Communication from April, as fixed by the Constitution, to May, in the face of the following amendatory clause of the Constitution:

ARTICLE VIII.

"No amendment, alteration or addition shall be made to this Constitution, unless proposed in writing at a regular communication and supported by the Past Grands or Representatives of two Lodges (and a copy thereof, certified by the Grand Secretary, shall be forwarded to every Subordinate Lodge for its consideration) until the next Annual Communication, and such proposed alteration, amendment, or addition shall not then take place unless there shall appear in favor of it, two-thirds of the votes present."

Upon this action and the refusal of the Grand Master to call the session for April, as required by Section 3 of the Constitution, a formal petition, in

the nature of an appeal, was presented, signed by both Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge, hereunto annexed, marked Exhibit "A." Upon its receipt I addressed the following letter to the Grand Master, hereto annexed, marked Exhibit "B." To this he replied, admitting the violation of the Constitution, and that the Grand Lodge had been violating it for the past fifteen years, until they began to doubt whether they had any Constitution. The reply is hereto annexed, marked Exhibit "C." Upon the papers before me, I decided the questions raised, which decision is hereto annexed, marked Exhibit "D."

The Grand Master refusing to be governed by the decision, the Grand Representatives made another appeal, enclosing the notice of the Grand Secretary, of his refusal, hereto annexed marked Exhibit "E." To it I replied as appears in Exhibit "F." A few days preceding April 9th Grand Representative STANSBURY wrote, asking whether it would be legal for the Grand Lodge, when convened, to adjourn to May 14, 1895, and requested answer by telegram. To this I replied: "Yes, if a quorum be present and a majority decide so to do;" Exhibit "G."

Following the advice therein given, the Grand Lodge in sufficient numbers convened, there being nineteen Lodges represented, and after some preliminary business being transacted, adjourned to May 14, 1895.

Thus, by persistent effort of the Grand Representatives, for this once the Grand Lodge of Virginia has been maintained in its integrity.

These instances must suffice to show that to secure the observance of our laws, and uniformity in their administration, some further legislation is required. What that shall be, must be left to the wisdom of this Sovereign Body to determine.

It is due this Grand Body to know, though to me it is a matter of supreme indifference, that one of the leading journals of our Order in that Grand Jurisdiction, chose, in no gentlemanly phrase, to arraign the Grand Sire for what it was pleased to characterize as an unwarranted interference with its cherished doctrine of "State Rights."

Your attention is called to these matters wholly with a view to their remedy in the future, and not as a correction of the past.

In a great Order like ours, so rapidly developing into great proportions, it cannot be expected that perfect order and system can be obtained at once. Our rapid growth is constantly developing new conditions, and revealing new necessities, and over so vast a domain as our Order extends, time is requisite harmoniously to adjust all of these new conditions. Hence charity and leniency, in large measure, must be exercised.

At this late hour (August 14th), I have just received the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for this year, and I am pleased to be able to state that the Grand Body is now proceeding to amend its Constitution, as its provisions require, and in the meantime, that it adjourned to meet as required by its Constitution, when the proposed amendments will be regularly passed upon.

I feel it to be my duty, however, to call the attention of this Grand Body to the remarks of the Grand Master, in his official report to the Grand Lodge, to be found on page 56 of its Proceedings, wherein he says, after quoting my letter (Exhibit "D" herein referred to): "After the reception of the above letter, and after mature consideration of the matter, and construing Section 797 of Digest to mean that the Grand Sire (although clothed with great power), had on this occasion 'shot beyond the mark,' and this question arising out of the Constitution of the State of Virginia, the Grand Sire had no power, where there was no appeal, and I being a strong advocate of State's rights, refused to obey the command of the Grand Sire," etc.

This brings this question squarely before this Grand Body, and may as

well be settled now as at any future time, for the guidance of Grand Sires, as well as Grand Bodies and their officers, to-wit:

Whether a palpable and admitted violation of an express provision of the Constitution of a Grand Body, in regard to which there is no dispute, involves "a *question* arising *out* of the Constitution," within the meaning of Section 1 of Art. IV. of the Constitution of this Grand Body; or whether it is a *violation* of law, such as Section 803 of the Digest, makes it the duty of the Grand Sire to take notice of, and seek to arrest, especially when called upon by the Grand Representatives.

The Grand Sire has always understood that section to forbid his deciding disputed constitutional questions involving constructions; not the enforcement of admitted provisions, especially when justified, on the ground that such had been the practice for years.

To the foregoing, I invite the especial attention of this Grand Body, through its appropriate committees.

THE REBEKAH SIGN OF RECOGNITION.

The design of the Sign of Recognition, was to enable a Sister to call to her aid, in time of emergency, any Brother of the Order, who had taken that Degree. It was then conferred in all Subordinate Lodges, and made a condition that the N. G. must be in possession of it, before he could be installed. This carried the Degree to every Subordinate Lodge, and members were presumed to be in possession of it.

Since then there has been an entire change. The Degree has been taken away from the Subordinate Lodge, and is now only conferred in Rebekah Lodges. No Brother can obtain it, except by joining a Rebekah Lodge, and multitudes of Lodges and members are too remote from any Rebekah Lodge to make joining practicable.

By these changes it will be seen that this branch has entirely out-grown the Sign, so that now it is but partially available for the purpose for which it was instituted. To make it fully available for that purpose it should be carried back in some form, into the Subordinate Lodge. How this can best be done, should engage the wisest thought of this Grand Body.

Upon that subject I shall have a few suggestions to make in secret session.

REAL ESTATE AND HOMES.

Before placed in this responsible position and only in anticipation that I might be, knowing that the Order had out-grown its record, and feeling it to be the first duty of every Organization to know itself, I prepared, and after my installation distributed to every Grand Jurisdiction, blanks equal in number to its Grand Representatives.

This was done on the floor of this Grand Body, in presence of you all, without dissent, thereby giving silent approval to the work undertaken. I was fully aware of the extra work I had undertaken and the very great additional labor it would call upon the Grand Representatives to perform.

For the cheerfulness with which it was entered upon and the earnestness and persistence with which the great body of the Grand Representatives have prosecuted it, I tender each and every one my sincere thanks. The readiness with which Grand Lodges and Grand Secretaries, when called upon, have responded, and the cheerfulness with which they have aided the Grand Representatives deserves the highest praise.

The result will be a profound surprise to all. That our Order has such an anchorage to the soil—than which nothing is a better guarantee of its prosperity, as these reports will show—the most sanguine and best informed had not conceived.

Yet the record is not completed, nor was it anticipated that in a single year it would be. Enough, however, has been obtained to enable this Grand Body, as we stated in our inaugural a year ago, to formulate such legislation as will result in carrying the plan to completion and exhibit our Order to the world, unique in the simplicity of its strength, and without a parallel in the magnitude of its achievements.

Many did not seem to comprehend the importance of the movement, and upon a letter of inquiry as to the progress they were making, responses were received from *eleven* Grand Jurisdictions, that the blanks furnished had been lost or mislaid and duplicates asked for. These were immediately furnished.

In all, request was made that the blanks be filled and returned on or before July 1st. At that date reports from but twenty-four Grand Jurisdictions had reached this office, and on the 2d of July I addressed a second letter to the remaining Jurisdictions, inquiring what progress and how soon the report might be expected. Soon after, the reports began to come in, and up to the date of closing this report, forty-seven have been received.

In some of the delinquent Jurisdictions the grave mistake was made of sending to Subordinate Lodges a small blank with a request, over my unauthorized signature, that each Lodge make return on the same to this office. With the Subordinate Lodges under Grand Jurisdictions, this office has no direct connection. Hence many Lodges, and justly so, looked upon the call thus made, as an unwarrantable interference with their rights, and neglected or refused to make any return. Some, however, did, but I have not tabulated them; I have them carefully preserved to be returned to the Representatives of those Jurisdictions for their use in the future in making up their record.

From the following Grand Jurisdictions no reports have been received: Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, New York, Oregon, South Carolina.

From the remaining 47 Grand Jurisdictions, though the reports of many of them are confessedly incomplete, owing to the neglect of Subordinate Lodges to respond to repeated and earnest calls, the aggregate as shown is highly gratifying. A noble work has been accomplished, and though the aggregate footings will need and receive proper corrections in the future, they serve to give a proximate idea of the strength and wealth of our Order, in that greatest element of stability and assurance of permanence—the ownership of the soil. They show that already, over and above all losses, millions have been added to our wealth in the increased valuation in real estate alone.

They show also that our Home enterprise has drawn, by gift, from those of the benevolent and philanthropic, not members of the Order, tens of thousands of dollars in aid of that grandest of our movements, and which gives an earnest that, in the future, millions will thus be contributed in aid of that branch of our great work.

The aggregate footing of these tables show an ownership in 2,812 pieces of real estate at a cost of $12,895,464.94 at a present valuation of $16,445,998.66, making a net increase of $3,550,533.72 by the investments. In addition to this we have invested in Homes not less than $1,000,000, with a landed possession of not less than 3,800 acres, neat and commodious, and many of them even palatial, for the unfortunate and helpless.

The annexed tabulated tables, from the Jurisdictions reporting, marked Exhibit "Y," show in detail the present condition and net income from the real estate owned by the Order.

It is to be hoped that each Grand Jurisdiction will carry to its Journal, tabulated by Lodges, as they have been presented to this office, from which the above tabulation is taken, for future reference and use in their respective Jurisdictions. Some have already done so, notably Missouri, to which

I call attention as a model of completeness and finish. Many other reports show the labor and finish of the Grand Representatives in this arduous undertaking, of which I was fully conscious at the outset, but believed the showing would fully justify the undertaking. I cannot leave this branch of the subject without calling attention especially to the reports submitted from the Jurisdictions of Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, California, and others, as models of completeness.

Having all of the reports submitted, together with a voluminous correspondence from others showing the obstructions encountered, as the labor of their examination would seem to be too great to place upon a Regular Committee, in addition to its regular work; if it shall please this Grand Body to authorize the appointment of a Special Committee of Five I will place at their disposal these reports and the correspondence for examination, and report what steps ought to be taken to secure the perfection of the record and reports from the delinquent Jurisdictions.

If the reports thus obtained shall be tabulated by Lodges in each Grand Jurisdiction, and be made a part of its permanent record in its printed Proceedings, after the example of Missouri, and be added to from year to year, as other real estate shall be purchased, the Order will thus keep pace, in knowledge, with its growth, and the slower and more conservative Lodges may be quickened into greater activity by marking the progress and success of the others.

Another column or more might be added, in which to enter the cemeteries, schools, etc., and the amount of personal estate, exclusive of the real. These, with the tables of receipts and disbursements now published, would make the financial record of the Order complete.

HOMES.

I desire to call your special attention to our Homes, in as condensed form as possible, that by their grouping a better understanding of their magnitude may be obtained. In the alphabetical list of Jurisdictions, the first is:

1. *Connecticut.*—It has a magnificent mansion at Groton, on an eminence overlooking the Thames, valued at $30,000, with 47 acres.
2. *Florida.*—Value, $20,000, with 3 acres.
3. *Idaho.*—Value, $10,000, with 60 acres.
4. *Illinois.*—With splendid buildings, 83 orphans, and 40 acres.
5. *Kansas.*—Great Bend—2 lots; value, $300.
   DeBossiere—Splendid buildings, value, $125,000, with 3,125 acres.
6. *Massachusetts.*—At Worcester—Value, $90,578.35, with 16 acres.
7. *Minnesota.*—Incorporated, with $7,000; not yet located.
8. *New Hampshire.*—Value, $60,000, with 8 acres.
9. *Missouri.*—Value, $25,000.
10. *Nebraska.*—Incorporated and raising funds.
11. *New Jersey.*—Not reported.
12. *New York.*—Four. Aggregate value, $138,366.03, with 104 acres.
13. *North Carolina.*—Value, $10,000, with 20 acres.
14. *Ohio.*—Two. Aggregate value, $28,583.99, with 96 acres.
15. *Tennessee.*—Churches of Memphis, I. O. O. F. paid $20,000, securing support of Odd Fellows' orphans.
16. *Texas.*—Value, $27,264.67, with 286 acres.
17. *Pennsylvania.*—Four. Value, $117,501.31, with 28 acres.
18. *Vermont.*—Value, $25,000, with 14 acres.
19. *California.*—Estimated, $25,000.
20. *Wisconsin.*—Value, $25,000, with 7.14 acres.

Making a total valuation of $840,594.35, and 3,881.14 acres.

Many of these have been gathered from other sources, not having been reported.

21. *Philadelphia.*—Home for Wives, though outside Grand Lodge work, should not be omitted from our list of Benevolences. Thus we have twenty-eight Homes established, holding for their use 3,881.14 acres of land, the estimated value of which, with the buildings and improvements, is $840,594.35, with Washington, Oregon, South Dakota, Nebraska, Georgia, North Dakota organized and at work to attain that end.

I should be pleased to detain you, would space permit, with a detailed description of the shaded walks, the wooded lawns, the sparkling fountains, the leaping cascades and inviting groves with which many of these Homes are surrounded, as described in these reports, and walk with you through these palaces, with their broad verandas, their elegantly furnished and frescoed rooms, rich in every comfort heart can wish—places worthy these noble veterans, the widows and orphans of faithful Brothers who have prematuraly fallen in the work, and then ask those who still selfishly stand without and refuse their aid in building them up, whether the builders of such resorts for the unfortunate and deserving among us are not deserving of all praise.

But space will not permit. To time and experience we leave the issue, well knowing that this good work will not cease to spread until every Grand Jurisdiction will feel the touch of that divine inspiration that moves to such an undertaking of self-sacrifice.

The Home near the City of Greiz, in Germany, for Odd Fellows and their families, in cases of disease, restoration of shattered health, etc, is the first of the kind established on the Continent of Europe. It is situated on a high hill, overlooking the beautiful park and grounds of Bro. GRIMM, one of the most devoted of Odd Fellows. It consists of two mansions and has but recently been dedicated. On an elegant sign to the building is this declaration:

"The Order of Odd Fellows erects this building out of Love, as a Home for its members."

Thus this great movement is taking root among the Nations, and soon like the Lodges, will encircle the Globe.

PROCLAMATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS.

On the 4th day of March, I issued the usual Anniversary Proclamation, hereto annexed, marked (Off. Doc. B).

On the 10th day of April, the Grand Secretary having so far as reported obtained the names of the distinguished members in the several Grand Jurisdictions who had deceased during the year, I caused the annexed Proclamation, with their names inserted, to be issued, a copy of which is hereto annexed, marked (Off. Doc. C).

DISPENSATION.

Preceding the dedication of the Temple at Philadelphia, I granted a Dispensation to all Cantons, and organized Bodies of the P. M. outside the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, to parade in Philadelphia on the 21st day of May, 1895, upon the occasion of the dedication.

A like Dispensation has been granted to all organized Bodies, outside the Jurisdiction of New Jersey, to parade at Atlantic City during the week of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session.

CONSTITUTIONS, ETC., APPROVED.

The following Constitutions, amendments thereto, By Laws and Codes from Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, Department Councils, Lodges and Encampments under the supervision of this Grand Body, with objections as indicated below, have been approved subject to your review:

EXHIBIT.

No. 1. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.
No. 2. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.
No. 3. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, (in part).
No. 4. Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Minnesota.
No. 5. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, (except Section 24).
No. 6. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.
No. 7. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California.
No. 8. Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Sweden.
No. 9. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Utah.
No. 10. Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Utah.
No. 11. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.
No. 12. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas.
No. 13. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

BY-LAWS.

No. 1. By-Laws of Wasa Encampment, Sweden.
No. 2. Amended By-Laws of Raton Encampment, New Mexico.
No. 3. By-Laws of Coalgate Encampment, Indian Territory.
No. 4. Amended By-Laws of Friendship Lodge, Alberta.

DEPARTMENT COUNCILS.

No. 1. Constitution of Department Council, Pennsylvania.
No. 2. Code of Trial of Department Council, Pennsylvania.
No. 3. Constitution and By-Laws of Department Council, Missouri.
No. 4. Constitution and By-Laws of Department Council, New York.
No. 5. Constitution and By-Laws of Department Council, New Hampshire.

VISITATION.

Under the office labors of the year, I regret that without neglecting them, my time for visitation has been greatly curtailed. The meetings of my Subordinate Lodge, Encampment, Rebekah Lodge and Canton, it has been impossible for me to attend with that regularity, that has been my pleasure for years. This deprivation I have seriously felt.

It had pleased me to have been able to respond affirmatively also, to every one of the invitations, so cordially and earnestly extended, but that has also been impossible.

Well knowing that a visit of the Head of the Order, whoever he may be, is always productive of more or less good, I should have been more than gratified to have been able to accept every one of the 31 invitations that I have been compelled reluctantly to decline, and I here publicly again thank them, one and all, for those invitations, and again assure them of the pleasure it would have afforded me to enjoy their hospitality.

I have accepted and filled the positions assigned me as best I have been able, under the circumstances, occupying many of the "wee small hours," in order to do so, the following:

October, 1894. Attended the Semi-Centennial of the Order in Iowa, at Burlington, and at the same time attended the session of the Rebekah Assembly.

March, 1895. Attended and assisted the organization of the Department Council of New York, at Syracuse.

April, 1895. Called together and met the Officers and Chevaliers of the two live, and seven defunct Cantons of Rhode Island, to aid in placing that Department in working order.

May, 1895. Attended the dedication of the Temple at Philadelphia, a structure that again places Pennsylvania in the lead, in architectural enterprise.

August, 1895. Attended the dedication of the Orphan's Home at Lincoln, Illinois.

Intermediate these visitations, I have accepted and visited, officially, where I thought my presence would do the most good, several Subordinate Lodges, Encampments, Semi-Centennials, Rebekah Lodges and Cantons, so that I have made one official visitation each month during the year, which early in the year I found it necessary to fix as the limit of my absence from office work.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It is hardly necessary to state, since from the foregoing it must very clearly appear, that the past year has been one of unusual labor. Much of it might have been avoided, had all duly considered the laws and presented their questions through the proper channels. In some instances, where immediate answer seemed necessary, I have forwarded the communication to the proper authorities in the Jurisdictions whence they came, and notified the writers of the disposition made of them, thus necessitating the writing of two letters to dispose of one. In others I have informed the inquirer that I was not at liberty to answer his questions, and have directed him to the proper source of inquiry. So numerous was this class of correspondence, that in the early part of the year I felt constrained to issue the following, and ask all fraternal papers to copy:

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 1.

To the Subordinate Lodges, Encampments and Cantons and their Members of the I. O. O. F., Greeting:

Two months have now passed since my entrance upon the active duties of the office of the Grand Sire. During that time I have received over one hundred letters from you asking my decision upon questions of law, which courtesy has required me to answer; all of which I have answered, by saying that I was not permitted to answer them and giving at some length my reason, that no erroneous impressions should obtain that the discharge of any legitimate duty was neglected.

Duty to you as well as myself, to save the time of both, as well as to enable you to obtain an earlier decision of the questions that you desire, seem to make this communication necessary.

Courtesy to your Grand Officer and the laws of the Order alike forbid my answering your questions. You are not permitted by law to ask, nor am I permitted to answer them. I call your attention to Section 809, Digest 1889, and lest you may not have it in hand, will quote it in full.

"*Inquiries to Grand Sire*—No Lodge or Encampment, subordinate to any State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment, has a right to present questions of law directly to the Grand Sire for his decision. All such questions *must* go through the channel provided by the local law."

By the Constitution and laws of the S. G. L., the Grand Sire is limited to the decision of questions of law submitted to him by Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs, Grand Representatives, Department Commanders, Special Deputy Grand Sires appointed by him and appeals from their decisions by Subordinates under their immediate supervision.

I have thus endeavored, as briefly as possible, to give you the law, with the hope in the future of saving the waste of your valuable time, as well as my own, in such fruitless correspondence.

Fraternally yours,

J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire.*

This had a tendency, in part, to relieve me from this labor, but only in part, and I wish now sharply to call the attention of all the Grand Jurisdictions to it, that they may aid in making the law, that seems very illy understood, known to all their Subordinates.

By so doing they will greatly relieve Grand Sires, and enable them to give more time to their legitimate duties.

CONCLUSION.

Thus briefly as it would permit me, though consciously at unusual length, have we barely outlined the work of the year, as it has come to our official notice, and have followed it by suggestions of such changes as seem to us to be needed for the greater efficiency and prosperity of the Order, the end toward which all of our efforts should be directed.

Upon you Representatives, as custodians of the destiny of this great Brotherhood so rapidly developing, rests the responsibility of framing such wise measures as shall increase harmony, and give added strength, efficiency and usefulness to it, as one of, if not the greatest, humanitarian institutions of the age. To this end all of your labors, the best thought and wisest counsel of every member should be earnestly devoted from the hour of opening to that of closing this annual communication. Let no time be wasted, so that when it shall close, we may look back upon our work with satisfaction, under a full consciousness that we each "have done the very best we could."

Doing so with the ability upon this floor, I am satisfied that from the work of this session results will flow, that shall give to our Order an impetus forward in usefulness, to which it has not hitherto attained.

Most sincerely do I thank the Grand Secretary for the valuable aid he has rendered, and the promptness with which every call has been met, many times when conscious that he was sore pressed with accumulated labor.

Especially again do I thank those Grand Representatives who have at so great labor and sacrifice, furnished such complete reports of buildings and Homes owned by the Order in their respective Grand Jurisdictions. Such Representatives are worthy all honor from their respective Jurisdictions, and of continuance in their respective positions so worthily filled. A loss of such laborers from our ranks is a great loss to the Order at large, and the lasting gratitude of the Grand Sire, and his best wishes, shall follow them through all their future, wherever their lot may be cast.

Grand Sire.

[Official Document A.]

REPORT OF SPECIAL DEPUTY FOR EUROPE.

To the Honorable JOHN W. STEBBINS, *M. W. Grand Sire, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR—As provided by the order of my appointment I herewith submit to you and to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for consideration, a report of my work during the year 1894-5. Most of my work was performed in Italy and Sweden, and I begin with these countries, reporting as follows:

ITALY.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge having, at its last session, decided to grant an application for an introduction of the Order, into Italy, made by a number of Italian gentlemen, residents of Naples, I was instructed by the Grand Sire to carry the resolution into effect. The duty thus imposed upon me is in reality heavier then it seems. My work began with a comprehensive correspondence relating to the subject, with the applicants at Naples. One or two of them could write English, and write fluently, but could not speak it. Some years ago, I had devoted a winter's rest to the study of the Italian language, so that to some extent I could write and converse in it. Upon arriving in Europe I took up my studies again to become more proficient in the language. The letters received proved our Neapolitan friends to be gentlemen, men of knowledge and education, men who were by no means unacquainted with our Order, its purposes, laws, and customs, who on the contrary had given the same much thought and study. Still there were many things to make clear and explain, erroneous ideas to remove. I would say right here, that whenever it became necessary to declare a certain well settled fundamental principal of the Order, one that could not be departed from, the simple declaration sufficed, and it was accepted in a spirit of loyalty and cheerful submission. Most of the applicants are Masons, in many cases children of Masons, all with one exception are native Italians. I have heretofore reported their good standing and reputation in civil society. All preparatory steps being taken, our friends at Naples were anxious to have me come down to them for work. The severe winter however had covered Italy with snow even far south of Pisa, almost to the gates of Rome, and smoking Mount Vesuvius was at times dressed in white to its base, and in the streets of Naples the people stared and danced at the strange spectacle of falling snowflakes. The thermometer went toward zero, and stoves are unknown in Italy. There the suffering traveler from cold is provided with a pan of hot coals, over which he may bend to get what warmth he can. A trip to Italy in such weather did not look inviting, particularly to one who had been suffering and was not in good health. But our friends in Naples became more urgent in their expression, and I set out for Italy in February last. A night ride of fourteen hours brought me to Frankfort on the Main, eleven hours more to Zurich in Switzerland. I suffered severely from cold going down in a scarcely heated car. At Zurich I was detained some time by work of the Order, but as to that, I shall report under the head of Switzerland. Now followed a ride of full thirty hours in cars, not heated after leaving the Swiss border, through masses of snow, through deep defiles of the Gotthards and its long tunnels, from Zurich to Rome, where I arrived tired and worn out. Still a continuous ride is to be preferred in winter to breaks of the journey; the stone floors of the cold rooms of Italian inns have no appearance of comfort and rest, the occupant soon leaves them to seek warmth in the rays of the sun on the sunny side of the narrow streets. The rest sought for was not to be

had at Rome, one cannot rest where everyone sits around shivering though wrapped in shawls and overcoats; pushed on seven hours more for Naples, my destination. Behold, on the way the fields became green, the birds were singing, and the people out at work on the land; the evergreen stone, oaks, pines and eucalyptus furnished foilage, making almost a summer scene. I approached Naples, I confess, with some hesitation and much curiosity, nay anxiety. Doubtless Southern Italy has the least desirable part of the Italian people, and many a traveler charges the whole people what he sees among this portion thereof. At the station I was received by eight or ten of the applicants, seeing them I felt a rare pleasure within my heart, felt we had the right men for our cause. I was received by pleasant, manly, courteous men, every one apparently a gentleman; nor was the good opinion formed at first sight lessened by the lengthier intercourses which followed; it was augmented on the other hand. All the applicants appeared to be honorable men, without reproach. I think we have reason to congratulate ourselves at being able to entrust our cause to such hands, nay, heads and hearts. The applicants are vigorous as to years, men of the people, of its respectable classes, men of education, posted as to the philantropic work of benevolent Orders, with an earnest desire to spread our Order, its teachings, its work in Italy. I interrogated them at one of our meetings as follows: Finding that you are Masons, some of you sons of Masons, that you know the principles of Masonry to be as ours, to tend to the improvement of mankind, I would now ask to be informed what it is that brings you to us, moves you to unite with us? To this question I received the following ready answer: We know and love Masonry, but Masonry is divided, has no world's "organization," which your Order has in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and we think the " practical benevolence of your Order will be a peculiar blessing in and for the Italian people.

I was surprised and pleased at the answer, for it showed acumen and perception, a thorough knowledge of our work. Here our compact organization, our Sovereignty, for which we have had to contend, draws an entire people to our ranks. Studying Italy and its people, as I also had years ago, I came to the conclusion that the introduction of our Order must prove a great blessing.

Having thoroughly instructed a sufficient number of applicants in the Secret Work, and made them Odd Fellows, I received and acted upon their petition for a Warrant, and on the twelfth day of March, 1895, in said city of Naples, Kingdom of Italy, I instituted our first Lodge,

COLOMBO NO. 1, ITALY,

with twenty-one good members. A furious storm raged without, causing the windows to rattle, chimneys to fall, and flooding the dirty, steep streets with masses of water, but within, the work of love and good-will toward men went on undisturbed, until proclamation was duly made, that now in Italy Odd Fellowship had found a home. The short name of Colombo was chosen in place of a longer one of " Figli di Colombo," upon my advice; but in their name of Colombo, the Lodge intended to say to the world that while Columbus had carried "to" America the rudiments of civilization, "from" America the old world had again received its essence, in the active practical altruism practiced by ours and kindred Orders.

" Colombo Lodge," through me, sends greeting to its chief, the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and to the Order at large under its jurisdiction, and a promise of fidelity to the laws and ancient usages of the Order.

The election of officers followed the ceremonies of initiation. L. SYLVESTO PROTA GIURLEO was elected N. G.; LUIGI RUSSO, V. G.; GAETANO MOLA, Treasurer, and ALBERTO d' URSI, Secretary. All were elected by acclamation.

I then withdrew from the chair and surrendered it to the N. G., Signor PROTA GIURLEO, who assumed it with the following address:

"Revered Brother BLOCK, dearest friends and companions! This day of common joy and transports will remain forever in our memories, the day when the I. O. O. F., placing its foundation in our dear, native country, has raised its white banner in this noble and generous city. Many a century has passed since a cosmopolitan, having inspired mind and heart of the best of our ancestors with enthusiasm, caused three frail vessels to furrow the ocean for the first time, and gave to us all a new world. And now, strange vicissitude of time in that land, once the land of savages and of wild beasts, the star spangled banner floats over the United States. The United States having created for us, and for all the world, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the redeeming Order of society, which announces to the world a new era; this glorious Order has to-day come to us to unite in its bonds, its arms of love, and to have us work with it in its generous work of mutual communion, altruistic communion.

"It is about a year ago that a few young men, in the hope of alleviating, if not stopping, incessant hard conflicts and struggles between labor and capital, which, alas, lacerate our dear Italy as they do sister nations, were constituted a committee, and already held and bound together by the sacred ties of friendship and fraternity, were charged to introduce, if possible, this Order, and through it verify the dream of ancients and poets, in our native land, and we hold with Past Grand Sire CAMPBELL, in his chosen words, that Odd Fellowship alone, in its spirit and in its truth, can accomplish this.

"Now, the introduction so ardently desired being accomplished, I have no doubt the same men will from day to day grow stronger in the pure principles of the Order, will become "Odd" Fellows indeed. A two fold duty awaits them; the duty to Odd Fellowship as received, and that of extending its influence to our fellow-men. That they will accomplish it is my firm belief, and you, illustrious Brother BLOCK, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, who with untiring energy and zeal have brought the committee's work to this happy end; you, I pray, to greet our Brethren beyond the mountains, beyond the sea, and to carry them the glad tidings, that in the midst of the storms of life Colombo Lodge No. 1, on the extreme southern tongue of Europe, rides safely at the anchor of Friendship, Love and Truth, and feels itself one with them in the principles of our glorious Order."

My readers, on reading the above, his own words, will agree with me that Signor Brother PROTA GIURLEO is the right man at the helm of this, our youngest Lodge; to enable them to form this judgment I have "copied" his oration in full; the officers in charge of the Lodge with him are as willing and capable as he is. And now it is becoming to report to you how these kind, warm hearted Brothers of Italy honored me; nay, not me, but you whom I represented. Before the ceremonies were concluded the N. G. rose, and, with choice words, presented me with a beautiful Diploma, in colors, upon parchment, as a lasting memorial that I had there built a Lodge, and a token of their love and esteem; it is made entirely by artists among their number, containing a view of Naples, and my portrait with the banner of Italy in a wreath of pines. The picture, though made without my knowledge, after a photo sent in exchange some time ago to Signor PROTA GIURLEO, is a good likeness, and the entire Diploma, the work of the Brothers' own hands, and the spontaneous gift of their love and partiality, is, especially for these reasons, very dear to me.

The introduction of the Order into Italy, with which I was charged, is thus fairly begun. The first Lodge stands, and is in prosperous condition, its members being Italians and arduous friends of the Order, and having themselves many friends in other Italian cities, the prospect for other Lodges is good.

The introduction of our Order into Italy ought to be a great blessing to the Italians. The people of this land are rising with rapid strides out of decay, and obscurity, towards light; it is freeing itself from clerical oppression as it has liberated itself from petty political tyrants. Who has not read or heard of the torturing in the dungeons and prisons of the very city of Naples, where our Lodge now stands, practiced within the memory of man? Its government is a stable one, a limited monarchy, wherein the people have a controlling influence. The people need an Organization like ours teaching them the gospel of altruism, teaching them their own rights, and the proper use of them, the values and strength of united action, and directing them to the great truth which shall make men free. Why should not our plant bring fruit in Italy? The usual arguments are that the Italians are of the Latin race, and Italy is a "Catholic" country. True it is that we have had little success introducing our Order in *South America*. But is Italy, a great, stable, well governed nation, to be compared, are its institutions to be compared to those of South America, where stable governments seem unknown? Then *is* the Italian race really a Latin one? Have you forgotten the names of THEODORIC the Great, of WITIGES, of TOTILA, under whom the *Saxon* reigned in Italy? You may to-day see *Saxon* features in *Southern* Italy; the Lombardian is, and always has been, Saxon. There is little weight in this point. All men are created in the image of God; in everyone the divine spark may be found and brought to light; it needs only the proper care and nursing. I have found our principles in the heart of the Mohammedan in Egypt, as well as in the breast of an Arabic Greek curate, on the shore of Lake Gennesaret. As to the influence of the Catholic church, a church which, in the blessed end of this nineteenth century, has been foolish enough to put us under its ban; us, who practice the first law of Christ. As to its influence, let me direct your attention to a few facts gathered in Italy: The body of VICTOR IMMANUEL, 'King, gallant man,' as his people called him, he having died under the papal ban, still stands above ground in Santa Maria Rotunda, the ancient Pantheon, at Rome, and cannot be buried in consecrated ground on account of said ban, the churches owning the burial grounds. In front of his coffin, however, in said Pantheon, belonging to the State, the Staff Officers of the army on the retired list, are on daily duty to honor their great dead; and the *people*, as well as travelers, go there to receive a pen from the officer, courteously rising for that purpose, in order that they may record a tribute to their beloved, departed Sovereign. On "Green Thursday" I visited that church of churches, Saint Peter's, at Rome; a man dressed in scarlet from head to foot, sat in a high chair, and with a huge rod tapped the heads of all who knelt a second before him, while a number of smiling faces surrounded the scene. "He is forgiving sins," whispered accompanying friends, law students of the University of Rome, whom I had learned to know and love on account of their amicability, "do you not want yours forgiven?" It was indeed a Cardinal of the Romish church, pretending thus to forgive sins. I wish you could have, with me, compared the mien and bearing of those under the rod, and that of those looking on with mocking smile, shrug of shoulder, or face of indignation.

As you ascend the Pincio hill, green generally in mid-winter, to have a view of the eternal city, or to listen to the music of a band of the Roman garrison, you pass a large palace. Having scarcely passed it, you come upon a green bronze column bearing the globe of science, and upon the column you read this inscription: "In the adjoining palace, formerly of Medici, Galileo Galilei was imprisoned because he saw that the Earth moved around the sun. S. P. Q. R." (Senate and people of Rome). This monument speaks volumes. Now go with me to the Campo di Flori (flower field), a large plaza in the southwest end of Rome, and see in its center a life-size statue in bronze,

standing on a stone pedestal, looking towards a papal palace at the north end, where windows towards the place are closely shut. The pedestal of the monument carries the medallion heads of WICKLIFFE and other reformers; the statue is that of a monk, the unfortunate though courageous GIORDANO BRUNO, pantheistic philosopher, whom the then pope had burned here as a heretic, in the year, A. D. 1600. Upon the monument is an inscription in the following words: "This monument was erected to GIORDANO BRUNO in the same place where the stake burned, because he divined the century we are enjoying, by the students of Rome, A. D. 1889." The monument still stands, the windows of the palace opposite remain veiled. I do not fear the influence of the Catholic church. In LUTHER'S words, "if our work is of God, it will stand." In these later days the so-called "old Catholic church" has branched off from the Roman Catholic church. I would give to some who leave the Catholic church the religious doctrines of our Order. A noted Past Grand Sire of Germany is a Catholic; in some of our Lodges in Southern Germany large numbers of members are Catholics.

Being instructed to introduce the Order into Italy, I have not, following the precedent established at the introduction of the Order into the German Empire, exacted or demanded of Colombo Lodge, No. 1, any Charter or Warrant fees. I could not think it proper to demand money, where I came to give charity and love, nor do I think we ought to exact as large a sum as thirty dollars from a Lodge in a foreign land, just starting in our work, and the purchasing value of thirty dollars in Italy being equal to that of about one hundred dollars in America.

Immediately upon the institution of Colombo Lodge, I notified the European Jurisdictions of its constitution, recommending the new Sister Lodge to their kindness and consideration. The reply of the able Grand Sire of Germany, PAUL GERLACH, will demonstrate how the extension of our Order into Italy is looked upon in Germany and Europe, and I therefore embody it into this report:

I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GR. SIRE, M. W. GR. L., GERMAN EMPIRE.
Berlin, March 31, 1895.

Bro. HERMAN BLOCK, *M. W., Special Dep. Gr. Sire for Europe, Pinneberg:*

HIGHLY HONORED FRIEND AND DEAR BROTHER.—For your communication of 22nd instant, concerning the foundation of the first Lodge of our beloved Order in the Kingdom of Italy, Colombo Lodge, No. 1, of Italy, at Naples, I return my sincere thanks and offer my sincere congratulations at the constitution of this Lodge. The constitution thereof and the consequential extension of our teaching into this part of Europe, hitherto inaccessable to us, is in the main the result of your restless activity in the interest of our Order, hence I am constrained to express to you for the same, the thanks of that part of our Order which is under my Jurisdiction. May our exalted doctrines find solid foothold in Italy, and the widest dissemination. With brotherly salutation in F., L. & T., Your devoted,

[L. S.] PAUL GERLACH, *Grand Sire.*

Relating to the Order and its introduction into Italy, I recommend:

1st. That the Warrant of Colombo Lodge, No. 1, of Italy, at Naples, be confirmed and a Charter issued to said Lodge; that two additional copies of the Italian Ritual be presented to them, one being supplied to me by the Grand Secretary and left with the new Lodge of necessity; that they be presented with one copy of White's Digest, and that the charter fee be remitted in this case.

2d. That said Lodge for the time being, be left under my charge as Special Deputy.

SWEDEN.

During the late session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Lookout Mountain I had placed in my hands a Charter creating a Grand Lodge for the Kingdom of Sweden, to be composed of all Lodges within said kingdom, also the Grand Sire's Commission directing me to institute the same. Two of the Swedish Lodges, Scania, at Malmo, and Veritas, at Trelleborg, being under the temporary jurisdiction of the Danish Grand Lodge, the latter was requested by Grand Sire CAMPBELL to again cede its jurisdiction of said two Lodges to the new Grand Lodge, so that the latter might control all Lodges on Swedish soil. Such cession was accordingly made in vacation by Dr. PETRUS BEYER, Denmark's distinguished Grand Sire.

Immediately upon my arrival in Europe I put myself in communication with the D. D. G. S. of Sweden, my dear friend, Bro. WM. LAURENTZ, at Stockholm, to take all necessary steps for execution of the documents entrusted to me, and I am indebted to him for much valuable counsel and advice, and for relieving me from a large part of the burden of my work. For of work there was much before us. Conflicting ideas, wishes and desires had to be harmonized, existing laws, especially the mode of working of a Grand Lodge, had to be explained, and a draft for Constitution and By-Laws of a Grand Lodge, as well as a draft for a uniform Constitution for Subordinates had to be prepared. Among others, Brothers SVEN B. LYCELL, of Malmo, P. D. D. G. S., and F. GEIJER, P. G., of Stockholm, rendered valuable aid and assistance in the preparation of these drafts and plans. My work in Italy prevented me from going to Sweden before summer. Upon consultation with Bro. LAURENTZ, all papers and documents being prepared, Monday the 8th day of July, 1895, was designated as the day for the institution of the new Grand Lodge, and the D. D. G. Sire summoned all Swedish Lodges to send Representatives to the same to Stockholm on said day. All Subordinate Lodges complied with his mandate, and on said day there was present in the hall of John Ericsson Lodge, at Stockholm, a proper representation of each Lodge on Swedish soil. Scania, No. 1, of Malmo, was represented by J. L. LUNDBERG, its P. G.; Veritas, No. 2, at Trelleborg, by D. D. G. S. SMITH, its P. G.; Amicitia, No. 3, by E. A. GYLLENBERG, P. G., and P. D. D. G. S. SVEN B. LYCELL, its P. G.; John Ericsson Lodge, No. 4, by C. PIHL and F. GEIJER, its P. G's; Concordia, No. 5, at Esloff, by N. A. EWALD, P. G.; Holmia, No. 6, at Stockholm, by W. MALMGREN, P. G.; Vestmannia, No. 7, of Vesteras, by J. R. LUNDIN, its P. G.; Linnea, No. 8, of Ystad, by G. D. JONSSON, its P. G., and Gustaf II. Adolf, of Gothenburg, by H. BRUSERVITZ, P. G. There were also in attendance the D. D. G. Sire for Sweden, WILLIAM LAURENTZ, and P. G's K. SJOBLOM, ANDERS KROOK, A. EWERLOF, A. ERIKSON, K. NJURLING and TALGREN. The D. D. G. Sire presided temporarily; upon my introduction to the convention by Bro. CONSUL SMITH, the D. D. G. Sire with warm words of welcome surrendered the chair to me and I assumed it, attaching my Commission to the same, and presiding over the convention's deliberations by virtue of the authority therein granted.

My first duty after saluting the convention in the name of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was the very pleasant one of welcoming a very distinguished visitor, my friend Dr. PETRUS BEYER, Denmark's able Grand Sire, who had, ever ready to help the Order, accepted an invitation to be present. He was seated to the right of the chair and rendered valuable services assisting the convention as well as myself with his counsel and advice.

The D. D. G. Sire for Sweden reporting all present as Past Grands in good standing, and the Representatives to be duly elected and properly accredited to the meeting and the new Grand Lodge about to be formed, I appointed F. GEIJER, P. G., Secretary of the Convention, which then pro-

ceeded, at my request, to discuss and decide all paragraphs of the proposed Constitution relating to terms, time of meeting and tenure of office in the new Grand Lodge. These questions being disposed of, an election of officers was had which resulted in the choice of the following members: WILLIAM LAURENTZ of Stockholm, our D. D. G. Sire in the Kingdom, a gentleman of learning as well as business capacity, a successful wholesale merchant, a man of firm, almost stern opinions, but of suave and courteous manner, and a wide and loving heart, respected where he is known, was unanimously called to the head of the Order in Sweden, as its Grand Master. He is peculiarly fitted to represent it. GUSTAVE SMITH, of Trelleborg, in the province of Scania, likewise engaged in mercantile business, and a leader there in the city of his residence, a Knight of the Order of the Danebrog, Consul of Denmark, formerly Danish D. D. G. Sire in Sweden was elected Deputy Grand Master. His elevation to the second office in the gift of the Grand Lodge was peculiarly fitting, having great tendency to cement the Lodges of this extensive kingdom into a firm, harmonious Body as well as securing the eminent administrative ability of Consul SMITH.

To the office of Grand Warden was elected a well known member, a giant in soul as well as in body, a gentleman beloved where he is known, the founder of John Ericsson Lodge, the pioneer of our Order on Sweden's north coast in Gothenburg, Past Grand ANDERS KROOK, whom I love to name my friend.

The pen of the Order of the Grand Body will be wielded and its records kept by F. GEIJER, P. G., of Stockholm, editor of the *Swedish Oddfellow's Organ*. I have had much intercourse with Bro. GEIJER, personally and in correspondence and found him peculiarly fitted for this post; he is striving, earnest, persevering, combines much knowledge of our laws and usages with a faculty for ready and timely application of the same.

To the office of Grand Treasurer, the Convention elected Bro. SVEN B. LYCELL, P. D. D. G. S., of Malmo, doubtless not only on account of his ability, but also on account of his long and valuable service rendered to the Order in the Jurisdiction. He is a very valuable counsel, in any undertaking, and lives in and for the Order. I was greatly pleased by the result of the election. The members of the Convention showed their wisdom, tact, discrimination, and brotherly love as well, in harmonizing all parties and factions, and locality feelings, by this choice, recognizing all, and thus creating a Grand Lodge whereby every member and all parts of the country felt themselves not only honored but represented. Nor was this easy of accomplishment, for doubtless among all the Representatives, Past Grands, and candidates in attendance, there was not one man, who was not on account of some special excellence in him, fitted and capable to fill said offices.

The elective officers being all elected, the Grand Sire of Denmark proclaimed at my request, in the name of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Kingdom of Sweden, as a State Grand Lodge, subordinate to the same; I then delivered to the hands of the Grand Master the Grand Charter, under which it exists, and proceeded to and did install all the officers elected into their respective offices in proper form and Grand Sire BEYER, whose assistance I enjoyed during the entire ceremony, having again made the desired proclamation, I withdrew my Commission from the chair, ceding it to and installing therein the new Grand Master with a warm pressure of the hand as warmly responded to by him. Grand Master LAURENTZ, having assumed the chair and control of the Grand Lodge, named P. G. MALMGREN, Grand Marshall; P. G. GYLLENBERG, Grand Conductor; P. G. LUNDBERG, Grand Inside Guardian; P. G. PIHL, Grand Chaplain and P. G. EWALD, Grand Herald; all of whom were likewise

installed by me. The Grand Lodge thereupon adjourned to meet from day to day until its work and deliberations should be completed. The session lasted about all the week, and was a very harmonious one. A Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge as well as a uniform Constitution for the government of Subordinates, were adopted after considerable debate. The Constitution has been sent to the Grand Sire and a formal report of the institution to the Grand Secretary as the law requires.

Towards evening of the day of the institution, the Grand Lodge of Sweden met in public session holding, according to European custom, a "Festival" Lodge in the banquet rooms of the hotel "W. 6," the name of a society, which has let a part of its building to our Lodge for meeting rooms. Members of all Degrees were admitted, and the membership attended in large numbers. Grand Master LAURENTZ and Grand Secretary GEIJER had gone to the Royal Palace and obtained an audience of the King to invite him to be present. King OSCAR received the invitation with thanks, excusing his inability to attend with his duties toward his guest the German Emperor, whose arrival was expected on installation day. As His Majesty could not attend it had been determined to invite none of the authorities, and to invite of the people only the "chief editors" of the Stockholm daily journals. These gentlemen attended and I will give a description of the festivities by quoting from the report of the chief editor of "*Dagens Nyheter*," one of Stockholm's ablest journals as follows:

The Order of Odd Fellows celebrated yesterday, as far as our land is concerned, an important event, that of the institution of a Swedish Grand Lodge. Until now, as is well known, the Order has in part been under Denmark's jurisdiction; now, the Order having attained its majority here, having gained from seven hundred to eight hundred members, it is in consequence of Supreme resolution relieved from Foreign rule and given its own Grand Lodge. Under its rule stands nine Lodges, at Stockholm, Malmo, Gothenburg, Trelleborg, Eslof, Ystad and Vesteras. The new Grand Lodge celebrated its institution yesterday in the fraternal halls of Hotel Continental or "W 6," which had been tastefully decorated with flags, mottoes and coats of Arms. There were present a very large number of the Order's members in the city, and of strangers, among them the Special Deputy of American Lodges, Counselor HERMAN BLOCK, who came from Pinneberg; the Danish Grand Sire, Dr. PETRUS BEYER, from Copenhagen; Consul SMITH, from Trelleborg, and ANDERS KROOK, of Gothenburg. The celebration commenced with singing an opening ode, accompanied on the piano by Director ALBERT LINDSTROM. The Grand Chaplain, CARL PIHL, one of our merchants, offered prayer, after which the Grand Master, our esteemed fellow citizen, W. LAURENTZ, in an address of some duration, called attention to the importance of the proceedings that day had. Director LINDSTROM then sang the church aria from Aredella. Mr. HERMAN BLOCK delivered the oration of the day, as to the object and purposes of the Order of Odd Fellows, and in form and substance, his oration was excellent. Grand Sire BEYER, of Denmark, followed him in an eloquent address, and Grand Secretary GEIJER read congratulatory letters and telegrams from many Lodges in our land, and in foreign countries, messages of good will came from Berne, in Switzerland, in the South, and Copenhagen, in Denmark, in the North.

The formal meeting was then closed, the participants spending some time in social intercourse until dinner was called. During the elaborate meal, at the festive board, Grand Master LAURENTZ responded to the sentiment, "King Oscar and the Sovereign Grand Lodge." Grand Secretary GEIJER praised the work of Mr. BLOCK; Grand Sire BEYER, that of Grand Master LAURENTZ, and editor DR. BJORKLEMA responded to the sentiment, "The Press." Dinner being finished, hosts and guests remained together

for hours enjoying each others society at Hasselbaeken, our famous place of resort. Similar articles appeared in "Stockholm Dagblad," "Nya Dagligt Allehanda," "Srenska Dagbladet," "Vart Land," and "Afron Bladet." The press of Stockholm and of Sweden has always taken an active friendly interest in the work of our Order, and your Representative was, after his speech, the subject of congratulation on the part of members of the press, as to the work accomplished by the Order; all of them spoke with enthusiasm about its great and exalted principles.

The Grand Lodge of the Kingdom of Sweden thus enters upon its career as a Grand Body, with the good will of people, government and press. In Sweden the Order has made rapid progress. From data kindly furnished me by Grand Secretary GEIJER, it appears that the said Odd Fellowship was first disseminated in Sweden from Denmark. On the 11th day of June, 1884, an Odd Fellows Club was formed at Malmö, resulting in the chartering of a Lodge in said city, Scania (latin translation of the name of one of Sweden's provinces, Shonen), No. 1, on the 29th of October, 1884. On the 9th of July Bro. E. A. GYLLENBERG had been initiated, with two others, as the first native Swede Odd Fellows. Bro. GYLLENBERG is still a very active member of the Order, holding a seat in the present Grand Lodge. On the 1st of November of that year, the first hall of the Order, that of Scania, was dedicated. Through Scania Lodge, Veritas Lodge, No. 2, at Trelleborg and Amicitia, No. 3 at Malmo, were created on respectively the fourth of November, 1887, and the first of August, 1888. Scania and Veritas Lodges worked as part of the Jurisdiction of Denmark, while Amicitia and all Lodges chartered after its institution were under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. On the 12th of October, 1891, the first Swedish Encampment was instituted at Malmo—Suecia, No. 1.

The Order having gained a firm foothold in the Province of Scania, the Southwest part of Sweden, steps were now taken for its introduction into Stockholm, Capital of the Kingdom. The leader of this movement was the present Grand Warden, Bro. ANDERS KROOK, now of Gothenburg; a club was soon organized, bearing the name of Sweden's famous and beloved son, JOHN ERICSSON, and on the 20th of July, 1892, it was transformed into Ericsson Lodge, No. 4, by SVEN B. LYCELL, D. D. G. S., an indefatigable worker in the field of the Order.

In 1893 Concordia Lodge was chartered by Brothers of Malmo, led by P. G. N. A. EWALD, now a member of the Grand Lodge. In the succeeding year by general arrangement, a second Lodge, Holmia, No. 6, was instituted at Stockholm, an event soon followed by the creation of Wasa Encampment, No. 2, in said city. In October, 1894, Vestmannia Lodge, No. 7, was created especially through the efforts of Bro. J. LUNDIN of Stockholm, now also a member of the Grand Lodge. Thus the Order branched out in its two places of location in Sweden, Stockholm and Malmo, cities lying in extreme opposite points of the Kingdom. It took fourteen hours for members from one part to reach the other, traveling by courier railway train. The Malmo territory was even under two Jurisdictions, under different rule, and legally and litterly Brothers in the same city belonging to Lodges under different Jurisdictions were compelled to use the Visiting Card for visitation. The Sovereign Grand Lodge upon the relation of its Special Deputy for Europe then resolved to use its inherent powers and form all Lodges upon Swedish soil into one Grand Body, although they had not reached the necessary number of ten, and its Charter was made accordingly. Before it could be executed, on the 18th of November, Linnea Lodge, No. 8, was started in the neighborhood of Malmo, at Ystad, and that energetic pioneer, ANDERS KROOK, had carried the Order's banner from Stockholm to the west

coast of Sweden and planted it at Gothenburg, where he created a Lodge bearing the name of Sweden's hero King, Gustavus II. Adolphus. On the 29th day of October, 1894, Scania Lodge, and with it the Order in Sweden, celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Order's introduction into the Kingdom. The Swedish Grand Lodge, therefore, now controls nine Subordinate Lodges with about eight hundred members; it is a significant fact, that no Lodge Charter in Sweden has ever gone down. Three of said Lodges have their own buildings. Concordia. at Eslof, would not even be chartered until it could move into its own home. The Order in Sweden has in brief time grown so rapidly that it has been granted a Grand Charter, and doubtless within a short time it will receive a second, a quasi-independent Charter. The Order there has given us all assurance necessary to entitle it to the latter under our usage, except as to capacity of self-government, and am quite assured from my knowledge of its members in the Kingdom, that it will speedily convince us of this fact also. The universal practice of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is to first plant the Order in form of Subordinate Lodges, then to collect the Subordinates into Grand Lodges whenever they are sufficient in number in any territory, and in foreign countries it has gone farther, and convinced of the capability for self-government of the State Grand Lodge of any Independent State, it has given to the same as great independence with the Order as unity will permit. The prospects of the Order in Sweden as to growth are good. Clubs are started and in operation as follows: At Lund a cathedral and university town, "Saxo Club" was formed by Amicitia Lodge, which has strong hopes to see its child grow into a Lodge. At Sundsvall, in the north of Sweden, a club was lately started with about twenty-five members. It is hoped to create a club at Lulea, the town in the far north, next to Haparanda, where in the summer days the sun does not set.

Sweden is a land of vast resources, and of—vast distances. It is rich in mineral, rich in timber. Its commerce is extensive. Yet it takes fifteen hours railway ride from Malmo before the traveler reaches Stockholm, the capital. The city of Sundsvall in the north is as distant from Stockholm as the capital is from Malmo, and Sundsvall is only about the centre of Sweden. Lulea, Haparanda and many cities south of it can be reached by steamer along the coast only. The south and south-west parts of Sweden are densely populated. The Northland is sparsely settled; here, however, lives a fugal, generous, hospitable people. Here is the land where keys are not turned or withdrawn from cupboard or door, neither in daytime nor at night. The Swede as a rule is noble, courteous and true. His language reminds one of the ancient Gothic. His brightly painted wooden buildings, frequently with shingled roof, scattered over the country, remind one of home, of the United States; his manly independence finds a kindred chord in a republican heart. I carry with me many pleasant reminiscences from Sweden. I stood at the Chaplain's seat in John Ericsson Lodge, looking upward my eyes rested on some lines framed, it was our Lord's prayer and in English. Fully recognizing that the pass word through life ought to be "Liberty and Difference," instead of "Liberty and Equality," the Swede yet cares little for distinction of caste or society. An American feels at home among them. Travel by rail or boat in Sweden is as pleasant as it is in America, in places more so, distances being equally great. Laws when made are strictly observed. Under its strict Sunday law, the busy city of Gothenburg seems almost deserted on Sundays. In its hotels you cannot even have fresh bread on Sunday morning. Cakers do not cake. Saloons, there are none. Churches are crowded and the people listen for hours to long sermons *read* off in drawling monotonous voice. Policemen are few and far between. I did not find one case of begging in Sweden. On a

three-days trip by a canal boat from Stockholm to Gothenburg, a trip uniting the beauties of Swiss and Rhine sceneries with those of vast America's fertile plains, as well as of the rich, luxurious woods and valleys of Sweden, I was often the recipient of acts of kindness from captain as well as ordinary sailor, from rich travelers, traveling in all comfort, to stewards and waiting maids; all would put themselves out of the way to please A Swede's welcome is given without asking, it goes to the heart. Such being the nature and character of the Swede, what shall I say as to my Brothers' kindness to me, in what words can I adequately acknowledge their friendship and love? I have none. But I know they could read my feeling in the glance of my eye, feel it in the pressure of my hand. I took leave of them with great regret.

I submit the following recommendations as to Sweden:

1. That all my acts above reported be approved.

2. That the institution of the Grand Lodge of Sweden for purposes of accounts, date from the first of January, 1895; that it collect dues from its Subordinates from that time.

3. That no representative tax be collected from the Grand Lodge of Sweden, as it cannot, on account of distance and costs *send* any Representative.

4. That as soon as possible the Grand Lodge of Sweden having given good evidence of capability for self-government, and asking for the same, be given a quasi-independent Charter, such as made to Switzerland, Denmark, Germany, Australasia, or similar to the same.

A desire for such a Charter is already strongly expressed.

GERMANY.

For want of time I have been able to visit but few Lodges in the German Empire. I expect, however, for the first time during my stay in Europe, to attend the session of the Grand Lodge of the Empire to be held at Berlin in the month of September next. The Order is steadily gaining in membership. The Grand Master of Silesia-Posen informed me lately that Lodges were about to be opened at Gnesen and Bromberg, cities in the easternmost provinces of Prussia, adjoining the land of the Czar. It is hoped to form a club at Cologne-on-the-Rhine, in the heart of Catholic influence. A new Grand Lodge is about to be chartered, that of Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg, the Order in these provinces and the City of Hamburg having grown to such extent, that a division of the Grand Lodge of Hannover seemed fitting, and all proper steps being taken, the Grand Lodge of the realm, when assembled at Berlin, will doubtless sanction the separation. Grand Sire GERLACH is still at the head of the Order in Germany. There will be a new election of officers at the next session. Regular sessions are held every two years. A new Lodge has been founded at Frankfurt-on-the-Main. On Whitsunday last the Sanatarium at Greiz, of which I have heretofore spoken, was dedicated and received by and for the Order under imposing ceremonies by Grand Sire GERLACH and a staff of many prominent Odd Fellows.

SWITZERLAND.

I have visited this Jurisdiction on my trip to Italy, and am pleased to be able to report some progress. During the last session of the Grand Lodge of the Republic, earnest measures were taken looking to the extension of the Order into the Cantons of Protestant Switzerland. Grand Counselor KURT DEMME of Berne, the capital, is at the head of the Order in Switzerland and tries earnestly to promote the Order's interests. The Jurisdiction

sustained quite a loss in the death of Bro. JOHANN GRABER, its Deputy Grand Sire, who died of heart disease. *The Helvetia*, organ of the Order in the Republic, edited by Colonel IMFELD, speaks of him as a man of sterling character, eminent knowledge, and rich experience. At the time of his death he was Chief Patriarch of the Swiss Encampment. I recommend that a memorial page be devoted to his memory. His place in the Swiss Grand Lodge was filled by the election of Bro. JACOB KALTENMEYER, of Basle, at present in private life, a gentleman of culture and character. I have spent about all the time I had this year for Switzerland at Zurich, among the members of and in Helvetia Lodge, at their earnest solicitation, and I trust, as I was frequently told, I have done some good to them and the Order, while on my part I have had much pleasure in intercourse with old friends, Colonel IMFELD, P. G. Sire ERNST, Dr. WRUBEL, Dr. MUELLER, Bro. HAGENBUCH, Government Counselor GROB and many others. My Brother, RUDOLF WEBER, I found on a couch of pain, smitten by an attack of apoplexy, his kind, good eye rested upon mine, however with the same warm look of old as I laid my hand into his, sitting at his bedside. Bro. WEBER is one of the Order's first Grand Master's, a man of infinite wit, that even disease could not suppress entirely. I trust he has now recovered.

The Order in the Kingdom of

DENMARK

is steadily if not rapidly growing. A new Lodge is about to be opened at Garhus. Dr. PETRUS BEYER, long the Grand Sire of this Jurisdiction has been re-elected, as has been the Deputy, Bro. JACOBSON, and the other elective officers. The Order enjoys in Denmark the good will of all classes of the people, the government is friendly disposed. Grand Sire BEYER is at present in Norway, in which distant land he hopes to be able to do something for our Order, I should say which he hopes to benefit by our Order's introduction. Norway has the same King with Sweden, political troubles however, are at present causing much discontent between the two lands, and they may have their influence upon Dr. BEYER's work. Denmark has always been and is anxious to obtain a copy of our Secret Work; the Grand Lodge of Sweden having now been chartered, it would seem there ought to be a copy in the Northland somewhere. It could be used by all under proper legislation. Germany received one upon receipt of its quasi independent Charter, but Sweden, and in a measure Denmark also, is distant from Berlin where said copy is kept. I recommend that you consider the propriety of allowing a copy to the Northland of Europe, perhaps in Denmark's care and charge.

THE NETHERLANDS AND FRANCE.

I have earnestly desired and sought to visit. I had completed arrangements with Brother PHILIPS, D. D. G. Sire of the Netherlands for a visit to Amsterdam; they failed, however, as visits to Holland and France had to be made in one trip to save time and money, and I could not for a long time get any answer from Brother LEFEBVRE, D. D. G. Sire at Havre de Grace, to my letter inquiring if my visit would be welcome. When the D. D. G. S. finally wrote me after my return from Italy, I could not go myself. I am making new arrangements for visiting these countries. When Brother LEFEBVRE wrote he stated that about all their members were down with influenza, hence a visit at that time would be useless.

The Order in the Netherlands appears to be growing. There are prospects for a new Lodge at Amsterdam.

I believe I have discharged my duties during the year last past, to the best of my ability and so far as my means would permit. Keeping house, my household expenses continuing during my absences, it is no longer immaterial to me "where" I live, and my expenses at hotels form quite an item in my expenditures while traveling, although in some few cases my Brethren have opened their houses to me. A failure of crops in the west left me without half of my income, derived from interest on investment, so that at times I did not know where to get necessary funds, a curious position for a man of sufficient means, for the time available. Even now I have no money to make the expensive trip to America, and attend the next session, and must resign my seat in the Sov. Gr. Lodge.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge appropriated for my use the sum of five hundred dollars at the last session, and directed me to visit all European territories wherein the Order had Lodges. At the same time the Grand Lodge ordered the introduction of the Order into Italy, and at the close of the session Grand Sire Stebbins issued his Warrant directing me to carry the order into effect. I could not decide, upon reflection, whether I was to do this out of the appropriation, or not, there being a question I decided it against myself. I have actually expended more than twice the sum appropriated, having traveled from Italy to Sweden. I have drawn the amount appropriated; the balance I must pay myself, as I have heretofore done.

Few people have a correct idea as to the amount of work performed by me. My postage account amounts to about twenty-five dollars per annum. I am made the counselor of every Brother who is interested in some matter in America. Just now I have before me an able, interesting letter of ten quarto pages, concerning a law suit in New York, and asking my opinion thereon. Another from America asking me to search for descendants of a party who died in America 150 years ago, having gone there from Germany. The writers are good Odd Fellows and their communications must, therefore be answered. Thus it is that my work takes about two-thirds of my time. I use extra thin paper to avoid heavy postage. These are only explanatory, not complaining remarks. I have a complete and ample reward in what I accomplish.

I call your attention to the Order's present condition in Europe. At its extreme north stands the Grand Lodge of Sweden. It joins hand with the Grand Lodge of Denmark. Stepping over Denmark's border you set foot upon the territory of the Grand Lodge of Germany, which is again bordering upon the Grand Lodge of Switzerland. And Switzerland, with many Italian members, sees the Order introduced successfully into Italy. The Netherlands are growing in membership.

Austria has removed the interdict against our Order, and I trust we will soon enter the Austro-Hungarian land. Truly we have made much progress in our work. In a small way I have helped to bring about this progress in Europe, and am content.

Much progress has been made. Much greater progress will be made. It is said political states are formed to secure the greatest good possible to each individual member. I think our Order knows much better than the political states of to-day to carry said principles into execution.

Saluting you, M. W. Grand Sire, and my Brethren in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, whom I cannot this year take by the hand, I remain respectfully yours in F., L. T.

Herman Block,
Spec. D. G. S. for Europe.

[Official Document B.]

1819. ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION. 1895.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE
of the
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To the Officers and Members of Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to all whom it may Concern:

In accordance with custom, and in pursuance of the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I,

J. W. STEBBINS, Grand Sire,

by virtue of authority vested in me, do hereby enjoin upon all Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the Order, to take appropriate action for the due commemoration of the twenty-sixth day of April, 1895, the

SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

of our Order, by suitable exercises in observance of the day, and by public thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold mercies to us individually and collectively.

Done at the City of Rochester, New York, this fourth day of March, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and of the Order the seventy-sixth year.

[SEAL.] J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire.*
Attest: THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*

The Ceremony authorized to be observed at the celebration of the Anniversary of the Order, may be obtained from the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Lodges, the Grand Scribes of the Grand Encampments, and at the office of the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Baltimore, Maryland.

[Official Document C.]

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE
of the
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

In accordance with the requirements of the standing resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I, J. W. STEBBINS, Grand Sire, do hereby request all Subordinate Lodges under the various Jurisdictions of the Order, that have suffered loss of membership by death, to assemble on the second Tuesday of June next, being the 11th day of June, 1895, (or on such other day as may be more convenient), and engage in proper and suitable exercises in memory of their deceased members.

Information of the decease of the following prominent and representative members of the Order has been received since our last Memorial Day, viz.:

1. ARKANSAS—December 1st, 1892, ALBERT COHEN, Past Grand Representative.
2. CONNECTICUT—September 13th, 1894, ELLERY CAMP, Past Grand Representative; aged 63 years.
3. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—September 30th, 1894, JOHN T. GIVEN, Past Grand Representative; aged 75 years.
4. ILLINOIS—May 28th, 1894, WILLIAM WEAVER DANNENHOWER, Past Grand Representative.
5. IOWA—November 27th, 1894, WILLIAM MCCOY, Past Grand Representative; aged 63 years.
6. February 13th, 1895, WILLIAM GARRETT, Past Grand Representative; aged 71 years.
7. KANSAS—April 28th, 1894, EDWARD L. NORTON, Past Grand Representative; aged 74 years.
8. LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.—July 31st, 1894, ROBERT RADFORD BARNES, Past Grand Representative; aged 64 years.
9. MAINE—July 4th, 1894, NATHANIEL G. CUMMINGS, Past Grand Representative; aged 74 years.
10. MARYLAND—November 9th, 1894, SAMUEL SNOWDEN, Past Grand Representative; aged 61 years.
11. MASSACHUSETTS—September 20th, 1894, ALBERT L. FESSENDEN, Past Grand Representative; aged 55 years.
12. MICHIGAN—October 20th, 1894, GEORGE H. SHEARER, Past Grand Representative; aged 69 years.
13. February 26th, 1895, THOMAS E. DOUGHTY, Past Grand Representative; aged 76 years.
14. NEBRASKA—December 27th, 1894, W. H. CURTIS, Past Grand Representative.
15. NEVADA—June 19th, 1894, CHARLES FERRARIS, Past Grand Representative; aged 46 years.
16. NEW HAMPSHIRE—August 18th, 1894, JONATHAN D. STRATTON, Past Grand Representative; aged 70 years.
17. OHIO—May 10th, 1894, CHARLES H. BABCOCK, Past Grand Representative; aged 70 years.
18. August 29th, 1894, HENRY E. FROST, Grand Representative; aged 49 years.
19. September 6th, 1894, SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, Past Grand Sire; aged 77 years.
20. March 25th, 1895, JOHN E. BELL, Past Grand Representative; aged 62 years.
21. ONTARIO—August 20th, 1894, JAMES WOODYATT, Past Grand Representative; aged 76 years.
22. March 10th, 1895, GEORGE WRIGHT, Past Grand Representative.
23. OREGON—August 29th, 1894, PETER P. GATES, Past Grand Representative; aged 53 years.
24. SWITZERLAND, EUROPE, February 23d, 1895, JOH. GRABER, Deputy Grand Sire of Switzerland; aged 51 years.
25. VERMONT—October 15th, 1894, CHARLES WOODHOUSE, Past Grand Representative; aged 83 years.

Done at the City of Rochester, State of New York, this ninth day of April, 1895, and of our Order the seventy-sixth year.

[SEAL.] J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire.*

Attest: THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*

The Ceremony for Memorial Day and Ceremony for Decorating Graves of deceased members (the two in one book), can be obtained from the several Grand Secretaries, or from the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Baltimore, Md. Price to Grand Lodge, 20 cents; to Subordinates or individuals, 25 cents per copy.

Exhibit No. 1.

HEADQUARTERS OF
CANTON SPRINGFIELD, No. 23, P. M., I. O. O. F.
Springfield, Mass., June 22, 1895.

To Brig. Gen. FRANK M. MERRILL, *Commander of the Patriarchs Militant of the State of Massachusetts:*

We, as Officers and Chevaliers of Canton Springfield, No. 23, P. M., I. O. O. F. of the Patriarchs Militant, Department of the State of Massachusetts, having indirectly learned there is an attempt on foot of the formation of, and mustering in of, a new Canton, do for reasons which, in the proper course of events, can be substantiated; *protest* the same, and *pray* our superior officers for an investigation.

JOSEPH L. STRONG, *Capt.*,
W. H. TRASK, *Lieut.*,
LEONARD S. STEBBINS, *Ensign*,
MYRON O. COWLES, *Clerk*,
W. C. FIELDING,
FRANK J. PEASE,
O. R. HOLLOWAY,
T. G. GAMMONS.
JAS. H. FORSYTHE,
M. W. DUNLAP,
E. H. AMIDON,
GEO. A. BARRUS,
LEONARD C. WEDMORE,
H. L. STEBBINSE,
GEO. S. BARRUS,

Exhibit No. 2.

LOWELL, July 1, 1895.

To the Officers and Chevaliers of Canton Springfield, No. 23, P. M., I. O. O. F.:

CHEVALIERS.—Your petition protesting against the formation and mustering of a new Canton in the City of Springfield, is received at these Headquarters.

Application was made to me early in May, for permission to organize a new Canton in your city, which I granted. The application blank was forwarded to me June 21st, signed by thirty applicants, and it was approved by the Major of your Battalion, Major C. H. RUST, and by the Colonel of your Regiment, Col. GEORGE H. SMITH. It was approved by the Department Commander, June 22d. It was approved by the Adjutant-General and a Charter granted by the Commander-in-Chief, which is now in my possession, and also supplies for the new Canton.

The arrangements have all been made for the institution on July 18th. Your Canton has been recognized and invited to attend and do escort duty; you have had full knowledge of this movement for a long time, and had ample opportunity to present your protest to the Department Council on the 19th of May, which would have been the proper thing to have done, and would have relieved me of the responsibility. You were ably represented at that meeting by Dr. STEBBINS, and it could have been much more satisfactorily settled than at the present time.

You do not, in your protest, present any specific reason for an investigation. Your protest is signed by only fifteen members, which is but a small percentage of your membership.

It is my desire to build up the Patriarchs Militant, rather than to pull it down, and had I believed that a new Canton would injure your Canton, I should not have approved of it. You have over sixteen hundred Odd Fellows in your city, and there is room for another Canton. You have a membership of over ninety, and yours is one of the best Cantons in the State, in my opinion. I think that you would have shown better judgment to assist rather than to obstruct the new Canton.

The Chevaliers who have taken discharge papers are mostly past officers, therefore can not be looking for office in the new Canton.

I know of no reason for an investigation, and I therefore most chivalrously return to you your petition without my approval.

Yours chivalrously,

FRANK M. MERRILL,
Department Commander.

Official:
J. L. TATTERSALL, *A. A. General.*

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., July 3, 1895.

FRANK M. MERRILL, *Department Commander of the Patriarchs Militant:*

DEAR BRO.—You have returned the Protest from the officers of Canton Springfield for the reason, as you have stated, it does not present any specific reason for an investigation, and that it is signed by only fifteen members. As an officer of Canton Springfield, No. 23, I desire to state that the reason of our protest is, that no application for a Warrant to institute a Canton in Springfield was applied for at the Department Council, which is the only Body that can grant Warrants, in accordance with Sec. 30 of the Code of Laws for the government of the Patriarchs Militant, as adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the session of 1894. Sec. 104 permits the Department Council to delegate their authority to the Department Commander, but this has not been done. As one who has taken upon himself to obey the laws, we feel it our duty to see that the same are enforced. If the Department Council, after having the matter presented to them, feel that it will be for the best interest to have another Canton instituted in Springfield, like true and faithful Chevaliers, we will abide by the result, but we do insist that in this matter we have some rights, and said rights should be recognized.

Chivalrously,
JOS. L. STRONG,
Commandant.

Exhibit No. 3.

LOWELL, MASS., July 13, 1895.

DEAR SIR AND CHEVALIER.—I shall institute Canton Chapin, No. 64, in Springfield, July 18, 1895. The Staff of the Department Commander are expected to be present.

The institution and installation of officers of this Canton will be public.

Leave Boston *via* Boston & Albany R. R. 10:30 A. M., arrive in Springfield 1:11 P. M. Headquarters at Russell House. Fatigue uniform. Let me know by return mail if you can go.

Yours chivalrously,
FRANK M. MERRILL, *D. C.*

Exhibit No. 4.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., July 15th, 1895.

FRANK M. MERRILL, *Dep't Commander, Patriarchs Militant:*

DEAR GENERAL.—You will please take notice that we have presented papers, copies of which are hereunto annexed and served on you, to the Commander-in-Chief, and that we shall appear before him for a hearing thereon, at his office in Rochester, New York, on Wednesday, July 31, 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M., asking that all proceedings in regard to the new Canton in Springfield, Mass., be set aside as null and void.

JOSEPH L. STRONG, *Comdt.*
MYRON O. COWLES, *Clerk.*

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., July 15th, 1895.

JOHN W. STEBBINS, *Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Patriarchs Militant:*

DEAR BROTHER.—WHEREAS, A petition has been presented and an application made for the institution of a Canton in Springfield, Mass., July 18th, 1895, and

WHEREAS, Said petition or Warrant has been granted by the Department Commander, and this without first bringing said Warrant before the Department Council in accordance with Section 30 of the Code of Laws for the Government of the Patriarchs Militant, and

WHEREAS, A protest was presented to the Department Commander, signed by the officers of Springfield Canton, No. 23, said protest being hereunto attached, and said protest was returned to the said officers of Springfield Canton by the Department Commander, stating that the officers failed to state the reasons for said protest, said letter being hereunto attached, and

WHEREAS, Immediately on receipt of said communication a letter was sent to the Department Commander, stating the reason for the protest was, that the Warrant had not been granted by the Department Council, a copy of which is hereunto attached; to this reply no answer has been received, though a telegram was sent to the Department Commander asking for a reply, and

WHEREAS, A meeting of the Department Council of Massachusetts was held on June 19th, this being a date after which the Department Commander had knowledge that a Warrant for a Canton in Springfield would be applied for, and yet he, "the Department Commander," failed to bring said matter before said Department Council for their approval, and

WHEREAS, We believe the institution of another Canton in Springfield, Mass., would be to the injury and detriment of Canton Springfield, No. 23, for the following reasons: There is but one Encampment in said city, and almost every available Patriarch in said Encampment is a member of said Canton Springfield, and the present active membership of Canton Springfield, No. 23, is scattered, a number residing outside of the city. Also about thirty of the members have asked for their Honorable Discharges that they may become members of the new Canton, and no reasons thus far have been given why a new Canton should be formed—the first the said officers knew of it was at our last regular meeting night held June 6, when eleven asked for their Honorable Discharges, and assigning no reasons for same; since then the Commandant was ordered to call a special meeting, when twenty-one asked for their Honorable Discharges, the same being granted. This has crippled and injured one of the best Cantons in the Department of Massachusetts.

For the reasons stated above, its illegality and its great injury to Canton Springfield, No. 23, we pray you that all proceedings bearing on the granting of the Warrant or the instituting of the new Canton be set aside and declared null and void.

[SEAL.]

JOSEPH L. STRONG, *Comd't.*,
W. H. TRASK, *Lieut.*,
LEONARD S. STEBBINS, *Ensign*,
MYRON O. COWLES, *Clerk.*

Copy of this appeal was served on Gen. FRANK M. MERRILL at his place of business in Lowell, Mass., on July 16th, 1895, and the date of hearing of said appeal was fixed on Wednesday, July 31st, 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M.

LEONARD S. STEBBINS, *Ensign.*

HEADQUARTERS
CANTON SPRINGFIELD, No. 23, P. M., I. O. O. F.,
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

At the regular meeting of Canton Springfield, No. 23, P. M., I. O. O. F., held Thursday evening, July 25, 1895, a motion made and unanimously carried that the action of the officers relative to the Warrant for the institution of the new Canton termed Canton Chapin, No. 64, be fully sustained.

And also, that a Committee of Three, to be appointed by Capt. J. L. STRONG, Commandant, appear at JOHN W. STEBBINS' office in Rochester, New York, Wednesday, July 31st, 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M., to represent Canton Springfield, No. 23, P. M., I. O. O. F., for the purpose of hearing the appeal.

The motion was unanimously carried, and Capt. J. L. STRONG appointed the following: Col. C. L. YOUNG, Capt. F. J. PEACE and Ensign L. S. STEBBINS.

[SEAL.] M. O. COWLES, *Clerk.*

Exhibit No. 5.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
PATRIARCHS MILITANT, I. O. O. F.,.

Lowell, Mass., July 15th, 1895.

J. W. STEBBINS, *Commander in Chief:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Yours of even date at hand, and I am surprised to hear that some one has been so busy.

The papers presented to you by that representative disclosed serious facts. The serious facts that you say they contain will be found in my answer to the petition that was sent to me signed by fifteen members of that Canton, and I did not consider there was any secret. This man, Ensign STEBBINS, is getting himself into trouble, and we have no patience with such people. I did not conceal anything at the Department Council before nor after, as I can easily prove. The new Canton is not, nor has it ever been a secret. I sent them the paper for the application about the 1st of June and it was circulated in Springfield, and they had thirty names on it when they sent it to me,—how could that be secret? Ensign STEBBINS was at the Department Council and he did to speak of it. I did not think there would be any objection to it. I did not ask for permission to form new Cantons because I did not suppose that I was obliged to; I considered it a part of my duty, and had I presented an application to be allowed to do so, no one would have objected but, possibly, Ensign S. And again, the members called for withdrawal papers June 6th, and they all knew what it was for. Ensign STEBBINS is a little weak in his fight. I fear he will get himself into trouble in place of the others. I can answer every question that he can present. I am in this office for the good of the Patriarchs Militant. I have done my duty and have put new life into it and am backed by the whole State, and to have a half dozen men who are a little sore-headed because they did not get a chance to go into the new Canton kick up a fuss like this, it is not right. I do not fear the result. He can, perhaps, obstruct me. I shall come out on top—I always do. He has had plenty of time to do this before and it is pretty late now to try and block the game.

You see, I know the people so well I know the inside of the whole matter; I have known these leaders ten years. These fourteen Chevaliers that worked this Canton up are the smartest in the State. The Commandant is to be Col. W. S. SANDERSON, and among the members are Brig. Gen. GEO F. AMIDON, Major AMES, who was for years the Clerk of the Canton and an official on the B. & A. R. R. Many of the new members are men of note

in S., and never would have gone into the old Canton but the new one caught them. You know how easy it is for a man to find fault with a D. C. for not doing everything according to the letter of the law.

We have arranged to have the Canton instituted next Thursday night, July 18th. I shall proceed to institute it unless you order me not to. I have sent out my invitations, and the whole story has been in the daily papers for the last six weeks; I send you a clipping, also an invitation. I find that they got me to grant them a Dispensation to hold their July meeting on the 18th instead of the 4th, the night of the regular meeting, and when I got notice of the night of installing the new one, I found it was the same date; and I find the reason is that the Clerk and Lieutenant elect in the new Canton had not got their papers but intended to call for them on the 4th, but as they had changed the night they could not, so the Commandant-elect asked me to ask the Commandant to call a special meeting for the purpose of granting the Cards, which he did, and they were granted. Now, that does not look as though the opposition was very strong, and for five or six to kick up such a fuss is not right, for the Canton has to suffer the blame.

Now, unless the protest to you comes from the Canton how can you rule on it? As far as I know the Canton, as a Body, has taken no action in the matter, and of what business is it to a bunch of Chevaliers without the sanction of the Canton?

Brother Stebbins, in your communication of July 3d you say: "With me no concealment will be tolerated." It is so with me, and all my acts and those of my representatives must be open and above board. And you will find all my acts will be the same, and if you will turn back to history you will find that it is this same Canton that I entered a protest against for illegal voting, and the whole vote was thrown out, and it may be that they are showing a little bad blood in the matter. Anyway, I shall go to Springfield July 18th, and they are making large arrangements and intend to have a public installation and supper on a grand scale. I hope they will not keep this bluff much longer, and I consider it only a bluff. I shall manage the affairs of this Department as I would my own, and I do not think that a little bunch of sore heads can make me do wrong. What I do shall be for the good of the whole, first and last.

I have just returned from Atlantic City and came near going down in the wreck, but my good fortune follows me and I am alive. I send you a paper. If you can give me any pointers in this matter do so, for I do not want to do anything wrong, or cause you any trouble. We must pull together.

Yours truly,

F. M. Merrill, *D. C.*

If necessary, wire me at my expense.

[Newspaper clipping.]

Canton Chapin.—Plans for the Institution and Banquet—The Members. —The Institution of Canton Chapin, Patriarchs Militant, next Thursday evening, will be a notable event in Odd Fellow circles. Even the smallest details for the comfort and pleasure of the guests and for the successful issue of the ceremonies attendant upon the event have been given consideration by the committee of arrangements. Guests are expected from Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont, and among them Department Commander General Frank M. Merrill of Lowell, and staff. The officers are to be mustered by Colonel G. H. Smith of Northampton and staff.

The members of the new Canton will meet at Odd Fellows' hall at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, and, headed by the Overman band will march to the Hotel Russell and escort the official guests back to the hall. Following the Installation, a banquet will be served at the Russell. The Committee of

Arrangements comprises G. F. Amidon, chairman; D. F. Ames, secretary; C. A. Leander, O. J. Fredenburg, W. E. Sanderson, G. T. Allen, H. M. Baldwin.

Those who are to be enrolled as members of Canton Chapin at the start are: J. L. Ritchie, R. Reed, D. F. Ames, G. F. Amidon, A. C. Rogers, F. R. Allen, W. P. Sloan, C. A. Leander, W. E. Sanderson, J. W. Nickels, O. J. Fredenburg, W. J. Irwin, F. D. Warner, J. A. Mann, C. M. Deane, E. Paull, E. A. Hahn, L. B. Strong, C. A. Morrison, C. H. Lewis, H. E. Magrath, W. H. Porter, E. T. Angell, H. M. Baldwin, D. Maxwell, R. P. Webster, J. C. Sackett, O. G. Nutting, G. T. Allen, E. A. Machum, C. H. Rust, G. E. Cooley, S. C. Wetherell, S. C. Downs, G. E. Edwards, A. L. Richards, E. D. Seaver, W. A. Hatch, E. Lawton.

Exhibit No. 6.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
PATRIARCHS MILITANT, I. O. O. F.
Lawrence Mass., August 6, 1895.

J. W. STEBBINS Esq., *Grand Sire and Commander-in-Chief, P. M., I. O. O. F., Rochester, N. Y.:*

SIR AND CHEVALIER.—Yours of 3d inst. is at hand and in accordance with your request I hand you herewith a copy of the report made by General MERRILL, to the Military Council of Massachusetts, at its June meeting. I also enclose a copy of that part of the proceedings of the Council, which relate to the said report, and I hereby certify, that the report as enclosed, and the action taken upon it is correct.

Chivalrously yours,
J. L. TATTERSALL, *Sec'y and A. A. G.*

(Copy)
HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
PATRIARCHS MILITANT, I. O. O. F.
New Bedford, June 19, 1895.

The annual report of the Department Commander was read by Gen. F. M. MERRILL, and on motion of Major C. M. CARTER, of Shawmuck No. 1, it was voted "that the report be received and placed upon the records."

Chivalrously submitted,
J. L. TATTERSALL, *Sec'y.*

LOWELL, June 19, 1895.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Department Council of the P. M. of the Department of Massachusetts:

BRETHREN.—Upon the opening of this, our first meeting of the Department Council, under the present administration, I have the honor to submit the following report:

Upon assuming command of the Department, February 20th, it was admitted by all that the P. M. in this State was in a bad condition and the members were all discouraged and disheartened, and dry rot had struck most of the Cantons. It was hard work to get out a quorum, and in many cases impossible to hold meetings.

The moths were eating up the uniforms and everybody discouraged. There was with many, a feeling that the P. M. was dead and never could be brought to life. I desire to congratulate you at this time that the Order is in a good condition and a marked improvement is to be seen in all the Cantons. They are all doing better and are taking in new members and cutting off the dead wood, and I am satisfied that they all mean business. Chevaliers and officers who said they would never put the uniform on are now ready to do their share, and help push a good thing along.

I knew that it was a big contract that I had taken when my friends induced me to be a candidate for Department Commander. It remained for the Chevaliers to say, whether I was wanted or not. There votes decided, that I was. Upon assuming command, I looked the fold over and satisfied myself of the condition of several Cantons. I found several of them in good condition and many at a stand-still; I found some in bad condition, but only needed a little encouragement to get up and go ahead and do business. Among those of the Cantons now dead beyond resurrection, I found that Cantons Lucerne and Palestine of Lynn, although composed of good live business men, had not held any meetings for over a year, and I decided to reclaim the Charter which I did June 11, and on the same night *I instituted Canton City of Lynn, with fifty-one charter members and a promise of one hundred by January 1st.* This Canton is composed of the best men in Lynn, fifteen of them were Royal Purple members, and the Degree was worked upon them in full form. The Clerk of this Canton is W. J. ROWELL, Grand Patriarch of this State. I have reclaimed the Charter of Canton Cambridge and there will be a *new Canton in that City before many days.* Canton Westfield was in an unsettled condition and I detailed Col. SMITH and Major WAINWRIGHT to visit them and look into their condition, investigate and report to me, which was done with good results. They are now in good condition and intend to do business. Canton Shawmut is the largest Canton, and is in a prosperous condition, having managed a large delegation to Philadelphia at the Dedication of Odd Fellows' Temple in that city, May 21st. *Canton Springfield has been very much alive, and was the means of a large delegation from this State in attendance at the dedication.* New Bedford Canton has shown a good deal of life, and is one of the best. Canton Nemasket is probably in the best financial condition.

There are many other Cantons that deserve honorable mention for their good deeds and strict attention to the laws and rules of the Order. But I will not go into detail as I should be obliged to criticise as well as compliment. On the whole, it looks to me, as though the Department was on the right road to a rapid recovery.

I find that many of the Clerks of Cantons are not prompt in the despatch of their business, and the Cantons and Canton officers suffer in consequence. Many of the Clerks have not sent in their annual returns, therefore I cannot give you a complete statement of the condition of the Department. The annual returns have not been received from Cantons:

Shawmut	Boston
Fells	Stoneham
Malden	Malden
Mascot	Boston
New Market	Brockton
Athol	Athol
Attleboro	Attleboro
Tabor	Shelburne Falls.

These returns should be sent in at once, as I am obliged to make my returns to the Sovereign Grand Lodge by July first. I have found the most of the clerks were very slow in filling the various blanks that I have sent them, and in some cases they have not been returned to these headquarters at all.

Now we must get the P. M. down to business principles, and until we do, we shall not prosper. If a Clerk is so careless that he will not fill out the proper blanks, he ought to get out of the office, and let some one else take his place. I believe that all of these Clerks are competent to fill the office, but things have been done so slip-shod in the past, that they seem to think that it will be always done so, but Chevaliers, I assure you that such

will not be the case. I have been a little lenient up to this time, and now if any officer does not do his duty or obey my orders, I shall report him to his Canton, and if they do not take action, I shall take action myself. The Cantons must not suffer by inattention or careless officers. I have visited many Cantons and I find them willing to do anything that I may suggest.

I intend to visit all of the Cantons, and I shall expect to have them in condition to exemplify the work at short notice. I shall call for it. I submit the following report of the membership and financial condition of the Cantons as far as the Clerks have reported: * * * * * *

(Reports omitted not being upon the question involved.)

Canton Tabor met with a misfortune. Their hall and all their property was destroyed by fire, and their returns are not in for this reason.

Before another Department Council meeting, I shall show you several new Cantons.

I desire that all officers should be well drilled in the work of the Degree, as I intend to inspect them, and you must have no excuse for not working the Degree when called upon to do so.

There are several Cantons who take pride in their work, and I hope you all will. I predict a year of prosperity.

Yours fraternally and chivalrously,

FRANK M. MERRILL, *D. C.*

Exhibit A.

PETERSBURG, VA., February 11, 1895.

Hon. JNO. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire, I. O. O. F.:*

MY DEAR BRO. STEBBINS.—I enclose herewith a petition, and trust that you may see merit enough in it to grant my prayer; and order Bro. J. V. GRINSTEAD, Grand Master, to convene the Grand Lodge of Virginia in annual communication on the Tuesday after the second Monday in April, 1895. Our laws require that the Subordinate Lodges shall elect Representatives to the Grand Lodge, during the month of March. Communication can be had with every Lodge in the State in three days. So if the Grand Master issues his proclamation (convening the Grand Lodge in April), any time during the month of March, each Lodge can be duly apprised of the fact. I send you by this mail a copy of the printed proceedings of our last session, so you can verify the statement I have made. I also enclose in this a certified copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Many prominent members of the Grand Lodge, with whom I have conversed, approve and endorse my action in sending you this petition. And I know that if the Annual Convention is not held until May, that all of its legislation will be appealed from, and it will cause us an untold amount of trouble and damage. And I feel confident that if the Grand Master issues his call for the Grand Lodge to meet in April, it will not seriously inconvenience any one. My colleague in the S. G. L., Bro. D. R. STANSBURY, of Alexandria, Va., fully coincides with me, and he wrote Grand Master GRINSTEAD a letter similar to the one I wrote him, but neither of us could convince him of the error of the Grand Lodge.

Trusting this may reach you in due time, notwithstanding the terrible snow blockade, and that it may find you well.

I remain your Brother,

JAMES B. BLANKS, *G. Rep. of G. L. V.*

This will be mailed to you by Bro. STANSBURY, probably from Washington, D. C., as I send it to him for his perusal. J. B. B.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., February 13, 1895.

Hon. JOHN W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Enclosed find papers as sent to me by Bro. BLANKS. I have written to the Grand Master on several occasions in regards to this matter, but have received no satisfaction. He says he will not take the responsibility of changing the date of meeting, as the last Grand Lodge adjourned to reassemble in May. Now Brother Grand Sire, in view of the plain unvarnished facts as presented to you by my worthy brother, BLANKS, I would like you to answer this question: When is the next legal time for the Grand Lodge of Virginia to hold its annual communication? Fraternally yours,

D. R. STANSBURY, *Junior Representative.*

1304 King street, Alexandria.

Hon. JOHN W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire Sovereign Grand Lodge. I. O. O. F. Rochester, N. Y.:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Article II. Section 3, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, I. O. O. F., provides for the Annual Communication of said Grand Lodge, as follows:

"There shall be a Communication on the Tuesday after the second Monday in April in each year. It may also meet at its own adjournment from time to time, and shall be assembled by the Grand Master at any time upon the application of one or more Past Grands from at least seven Lodges, on general business of the Order, or private business of particular Lodges; provided, the several Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, shall have at least thirty days' notice of such intended meeting; and provided, also, that no other business shall be transacted at such special meeting than the business for which it be called to transact."

The only mode of changing the Constitution of said Grand Lodge is provided for in Article VIII. of said Constitution, which reads as follows:

"No amendment, alteration, or addition shall be made to this Constitution, unless proposed in writing at a regular Communication, and supported by the Past Grands or Representatives of two Lodges (and a copy thereof, certified by the Grand Secretary, shall be forwarded to every Subordinate Lodge for its consideration), until the next Annual Communication; and such proposed alteration, amendment, or addition shall not then take place unless there shall appear in favor of it two-thirds of the votes present."

At the afternoon session of the second day of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, I. O. O. F., held in the city of Alexandria, Va., April 10, 11, and 12, 1894, without any previous notice, the following legislation was enacted (see printed proceedings, page 108):

"A. J. FAIR, P. G., offered the following; the same was read, and, on motion, adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge hereafter will meet in annual session on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in the month of May of each year."

At the afternoon session of the third day of the above referred to Annual Communication, Bro. W. F. LARRABEE, P. G. M. and G. Rep., notified the sitting Grand Master, THOS. N. KENDLER, of the illegal manner in which the time for holding the next Annual Communication had been changed. And the following record was made by the Grand Secretary (see printed proceedings, page 124):

"The question was then asked as to the date of the next annual meeting of this Grand Lodge, by W. F. LARRABEE, P. G. M., and it was answered by reference to the original action had thereon."

Your petitioner, a Past Grand, and a member of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, I. O. O. F., and at present its Senior Grand Representative, respectfully states, that he was unable to attend the above mentioned Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, as will be seen from the following extract (printed proceedings, page 97):

"The following letter from J. B. BLANKS, Grand Representative, was read and ordered to be spread on the minutes:

"PETERSBURG, VA., April 9, 1894.

"*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Virginia:*

"MY DEAR BRETHREN.—In the month of August, 1865, I was admitted a member of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The present session is the thirtieth since my admission, and the fourth I have missed during the thirty years. My heart is sad because I am deprived of the pleasure of greeting you in Grand Lodge session and grasping the hands of old and new friends and Brothers.

"An imperative duty makes it incumbent upon me to be at home during your entire session.

"There are many important matters to be acted upon by you during the present session, and I earnestly pray that you may be guided by wisdom from on high, so that your deliberations may tend to promote the honor and glory of our Grand Master above, and the welfare of our fellowmen. Yours in the bonds of F., L. and T.,

JAMES B. BLANKS, *Grand Representative.*"

Had your petitioner been present he would have exerted all the influence he possessed to have prevented the Grand Lodge of Virginia from illegally changing the time for holding its Annual Communication. Your petitioner further states, that he has solmenly protested to the present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Brother J. V. GRINSTEAD, of Lexington, Va., against the illegal action of said Grand Lodge in changing the time for holding its Annual Communication, and praying him to exercise his authority as Grand Master, and issue his proclamation convening the Grand Lodge of Virginia, I. O. O. F., "on the Tuesday after the second Monday in April," 1895, as provided for in Section 3, Article II. of the Constitution of said Grand Lodge. Your petitioner stated to Grand Master J. V. GRINSTEAD that his only motive in thus petitioning him, was the good of the Order in Virginia, as he firmly believed that if the date fixed by the Constitution for holding the Annual Communication, was allowed to pass by, and the Annual Communication not held until the month of May, that it would result in serious damage to the Order, and all its transactions would be illegal, and cause litigation and appeals. Grand Master J. V. GRINSTEAD having refused to comply with the prayer of your petitioner, he now petitions you as Grand Sire, to exercise the high power vested in you as the Head of the Order, and prays that you will order Grand Master J. V. GRINSTEAD to convene the Grand Lodge of Virginia, I. O. O. F., in Annual Communication on the Tuesday after the second Monday in April, 1895, in accordance with requirements of Section 3, Article II. of the Constitution of said Grand Lodge. Said Section 3 not having been legally altered or amended.

Your petitioner further states that the Grand Lodge of Virginia, I. O. O. F., is a legally incorporated Body, by the Legislature of Virginia, and said act of incorporation provides that it "can contract and be con-

tracted with," and "sue, and be sued." It is therefore absolutely necessary that all legislation of said Grand Lodge should be in strict conformity with its Constitution in order to prevent damage and litigation. Trusting that you will grant the prayer of your petitioner, he respectfully subscribes himself.

Yours in F., L. and T.,

JAMES B. BLANKS,
Sr. G. R. of the G. L. of Virginia.

I hereby endorse the foregoing petition.

D. R. STANSBURY,
Jr. G. R. of the G. L. of Virginia.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The presiding officer having taken the chair, the officers and members shall take their respective seats, and at the sound of the gravel, there shall be general silence.

The business shall be taken up in the following order:

2. The Grand Lodge shall be opened in due form.

3. The Grand Secretary shall report on certificates of Representatives, which shall be referred to Committee on Elections and Returns.

4. The minutes of the last annual and intervening meetings shall be read and passed upon.

5. The Grand Master shall appoint the committees provided for in Article IV., Section 1, of the Constitution.

6. The report of the Grand Master as to his acts and doings during the recess of this Grand Lodge, shall be presented.

7. Report of Grand Representatives.

8. Petitions shall be presented, read and referred.

9. Other communications shall be presented and read.

10. The above order of business may be dispensed with at the discretion of the Lodge.

11. During the sitting of the Grand Lodge, each person in attendance, on entering and leaving the Lodge, shall address the presiding officer with the S. of the G. L. Degree.

12. No motion shall be subject to debate until it shall have been seconded and stated by the Chair. It shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member.

13. When a question is before the Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless it be to adjourn, to refer, the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, or to amend; and the motions just enumerated shall take precedence in the order of enumeration; the first four shall be decided without debate.

14. A call for the previous question, if seconded by Representatives from three Lodges, shall be put in the following form, without debate: "Shall the main question be now put?" If a majority of the Lodge vote in the affirmative, the vote shall then be taken upon the question before the Lodge, without further amendment or debate.

15. When the reading of any paper or other matter is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by the vote of the Lodge without debate.

16. Before putting the question the presiding officer shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" If no members rise to speak, he shall rise and put it. While the presiding officer is putting the question or addressing the Lodge, none shall walk out of or across the room, or entertain private discourse; and after he shall have risen to put it, no member shall speak upon it.

17. The presiding officer or any member doubting the decision of a question, may call for a division of the Lodge.

18. No member shall be permitted to speak or vote unless clothed in regalia, according to his rank and station.

19. Every officer and member shall be designated by his proper title or office, according to his standing in the Order.

20. Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer; and, while speaking, he shall confine himself to the question in debate, avoiding all personalities or indecorous language, as well as all reflections upon the Lodge or any of its members.

21. Should two members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor; and no member shall interrupt or disturb another while speaking, unless to call him to order for words spoken. Nevertheless, with the permission of the member entitled to the floor, he may be interrupted for the purpose of explanation.

22. If a member, while speaking, shall be called to order, he shall, at the request of the Chair, take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may proceed again.

23. The decisions of the Chair on points of order may be appealed from by any member; and in such cases, the question shall be, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?"

24. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without the unanimous consent of the Lodge. Nor shall he be permitted to occupy the floor more than ten minutes in his first, and five minutes in his second speech, without the like consent.

25. When any petition, memorial or communication is presented, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer to the Chair, and it shall then be handed to the Secretary.

26. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time.

27. Any member may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

28. All committees shall be appointed by the Chair, unless otherwise ordered.

29. Any member who voted with the majority may call for a reconsideration of a vote, at the same session in which it was passed; and if sustained by a majority of all the votes, the reconsideration shall be carried.

30. No matter shall be considered at any morning session of the Grand Lodge until all reports of the committees are gone through with, and the presiding officer shall call for reports of committees in the order of their appointment.

31. All questions of order not herein provided for, shall be determined by the rules laid down in Cushing's Manual,

Standing Resolutions.

Resolved, That Withdrawal Cards and Dismissal Certificates from members who apply for Dispensations for new Lodges may be hereafter received by the Grand Master. (See Section 1178 White's Digest.)

Resolved, That in future, whenever the Grand Master shall issue a Commission to any Brother in this Jurisdiction, authorizing him to perform any duty which, in accordance with the usages of the Order, should be discharged by the Grand Master, and said Brother, from any cause, finding it impracticable for him to discharge such duties, he shall at once return such Commission to the Grand Master, who alone is empowered to appoint a Brother to discharge any duty pertaining to his office.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be, and they are hereby directed to close their books and accounts on the Saturday preceding the first day's session of the Grand Lodge, and that they have printed reports of the statistics and financial affairs of their respective offices for the year, and present the same to this Grand Lodge at the same time that reports are presented by the Grand Master and Grand Representatives.

Resolved, That in the future, should any Brother or Brothers take an appeal from any action of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, that it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary simply to furnish the Brother or Brothers with a copy of all papers used by the Grand Lodge in deciding the case from which appeal is taken, and that any and all expenses incurred in preparing or printing such papers shall be borne by the Brother or Brothers taking the appeal.

Resolved, That when persons who are not Odd Fellows, desire to institute a Lodge of the I. O. O. F., in accordance with the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, they shall forward their application, stating the facts to the Grand Master, who shall thereupon authorize them by writing in proper form to apply to such Lodge as he may select for examination and ballot, and upon the Grand Master receiving from said Lodge, under seal, a certificate that the petitioners or a sufficient number of them, have been so examined and balloted upon, and are recommended for membership by the vote required for the election of members in that Lodge, he shall proceed to institute and confer the Degrees upon such of the petitioners as are so recommended, and organize them into a Lodge in the same manner and to the same effect as in the case of an application made by Third Degree Odd Fellows holding Withdrawal Cards.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA, I. O. O. F.

As amended up to and including April Communication, 1888.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia shall consist of all the Past Grands, in good standing within its jurisdiction; and its officers shall be—Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Chaplain, who shall be elected; and the Grand Marshal, Grand Conductor, Grand Guardian, and Grand Herald, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

SEC. 2. No Past Grand shall be entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge unless he be at the same time a contributing member of some Subordinate Lodge; nor to a vote, unless said Lodge shall have discharged all its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge, and made its quarterly reports.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall be the exclusive judge of the qualification of its members, and it shall not be opened unless there be present a representation from at least fifteen Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master shall preside; and in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Warden; and in his absence, any Past Grand who may be called to the chair by the voice of the majority of the members present.

SEC. 3. There shall be a Communication on the Tuesday after the second Monday in April in each year. It may also meet at its own adjournment from time to time, and shall be assembled by the Grand Master at any time

upon the application of one or more Past Grands from at least seven Lodges, on general business of the Order, or private business of particular Lodges; provided, the several Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction shall have at least thirty days' notice of such intended meeting; and provided, also, that no other business shall be transacted at such special meeting than the business for which it be called to transact.

SEC. 4. Application for Dispensation to open new Lodges during the recess of the Grand Lodge shall be addressed to the Grand Secretary, who shall immediately inform the Grand Master of the applications, if he be within the State, and await his decision thereon; but in case of his absence, as above, the Deputy Grand Master may, at his discretion, grant Dispensations, subject, in either case, to the approval of the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, when present; enforce the laws and preserve order therein; decide all questions of order and enforce the same, always subject, however, to an appeal to the Grand Lodge. He shall have the casting vote in all cases of equal division in the Grand Lodge, except in the election of officers; appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge; sign all documents which require his signature; grant Dispensations for any purpose contemplated by the laws of the Order; select the Semi-Annual Password, and cause the same to be communicated to the proper officers of the several Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction. Upon the death, resignation or removal of a Grand Representative during the recess of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall be empowered to appoint a Grand Representative to fill such vacancy, until the next meeting of this Grand Lodge; provided, however, that such power is only to be exercised when there shall be no meeting of this Grand Lodge between the happening of such vacancy and a meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. And at every Annual Communication he shall make a full report, in writing, of the state of the Order in this Jurisdiction during the preceding year.

SEC. 2. The Deputy Grand Master shall assist the Grand Master in the performance of his duties, and be invested with his power during his temporary absence. And in the event of the death or removal from office of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall become *ipso facto* Grand Master, and all the honors, powers, duties and responsibilities of that office shall devolve upon him.

SEC. 3. The Grand Warden shall assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Order, and in the preservation of decorum in the Grand Lodge; he shall confer the past official Degrees upon all Past Grands qualified to receive them; he shall preside in the temporary absence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master; and in case of the death or removal of both those officers, he shall assume the office of Grand Master until the next Communication.

SEC. 4. The Grand Secretary shall attend in person at every meeting of the Grand Lodge, with the books and papers of the Lodge; he shall keep a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; preserve all books and file all documents relating thereto; attest all orders drawn on the Treasurer; keep accurate accounts with Subordinate Lodges; report all delinquent Lodges; collect all moneys due the Grand Lodge and pay them to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; receive all documents relative to the Grand Lodge and make proper dispositions of them; conduct the correspondence of the

Grand Lodge; send notices of suspensions, expulsions and rejections to Subordinate Lodges; furnish committees with such official documents as may be necessary for reference; transmit a regular report of the state of the Order in Virginia, up to the 1st of July, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge annually; keep a register of all Grand Lodge members, and to what Subordinate Lodges belonging; notify all Subordinate Lodges two weeks or more of the meeting of the Grand Lodge; prepare all Charters granted by the Grand Lodge, and affix the seal thereto; attend to all other business not herein enumerated and coming properly within the duties of his office; and he shall receive for his services such sum as the Grand Lodge may from time to time deem proper. He shall, immediately after reading the report of the Grand Master, present and read a report of the condition of his office and of the standing of the several Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

SEC. 5. The Grand Treasurer shall keep his books in a fair and legible manner, exhibiting an account of all moneys received and paid away by him for the use and by order of the Grand Lodge. He shall attend the committee appointed to examine his accounts, when required, with such books and vouchers as may be necessary, and shall give bond with approved security for the faithful performance of his duties. He shall at the opening of each session of this Grand Lodge, make a written report of the condition of the books of his office, and of his receipts and expenditures during the previous year.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and open and close the same with prayer.

SEC. 7. The Grand Representatives shall attend the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and faithfully represent the views of this Grand Lodge when formally expressed.

SEC. 8. The Grand Conductor and Grand Guardian shall respectively exercise the privileges and perform the duties demanded by the usage of the Order.

SEC. 9. The Grand Marshal shall form and conduct all Grand Processions of the Order, with power to apppoint Assistants when required.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed by the Grand Master, at the commencement of each Annual Session, the following Standing Committees:

1. Committee on Elections and Returns.
2. Committee on Finance.
3. Committee on the State of the Order.
4. Committee on By-Laws of Subordinates.
5. Committee on Charters.
6. Committee on Appeals.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Elections and Returns shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine and report to the Grand Lodge on the regularity of the returns of the Subordinate Lodges and of the election and eligibility of members. All matters touching elections and returns, as may be presented, shall be referred to them by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine and report on the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer; and on all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge previous to their being passed for payment; to examine all bonds and other securities before they shall be received by the Grand Lodge; and to suggest such measures of finance as they may deem expedient.

SEC. 4. The Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of five members from not less than three Lodges, whose duty it shall be to hear all appeals and grievances, from Lodges or members of Lodges, referred to it by the Grand Lodge, and report such action thereon as may be deemed necessary; to prepare all business touching the alteration or passage of laws by the Grand Lodge (except amendmends of this Constitution), and every proposition or motion for such a purpose, which may not originate with the committee, shall be referred to it for consideration.

SEC. 5. The By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges which may be sent up to this Grand Lodge shall be referred to the Committee on By-Laws, whose duty it shall be to examine them, and when necessary, report such alterations as may be required to make them conform to the General Laws and Regulations of the Order. This committee to consist of three members.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Charters shall examine all petitions for new Lodges, and report thereon. This committee to consist of three members.

SEC. 7. The Committee on Appeals shall report on all appeals from Subordinate Lodges. This committee to consist of three members.

SEC. 8. No action of any of the above named committees shall be considered binding until it has been sanctioned by this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 9. Select Committees may be appointed for any purpose not conflicting with the foregoing sections, whenever the Grand Lodge may deem it expedient.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. Votes shall be by Lodges or *viva voce*.

SEC. 2. In all questions, whenever the vote of Lodges is called, every Lodge shall be entitled to one vote through its Representatives and Past Grands collectively.

SEC. 3. The vote by Lodges on any question may be required by any two Lodges; provided, however, that in whatever manner the vote shall have been taken on a series of resolutions, the final vote shall be taken in the same manner.

SEC. 4. In all other cases every member of the Grand Lodge shall have one vote.

SEC. 5. All questions in the Lodge shall be decided by a majority of members present, unless the vote by Lodges be required.

SEC. 6. When Past Grands and Representatives of Lodges are equally divided, the vote shall be forfeited.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be elected and installed in the order in which they occur in Article I. Section 1. on the last day of the session of each Annual Communication; and the election of Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall take place at the same time.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master shall not be eligible for these offices until they have been out of office one full term.

SEC. 3. No Past Grand shall be elected to any office unless previously nominated in the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. The Past Grands and Representatives of each Lodge shall have one vote collectively.

SEC. 5. If there be more ballots than votes, the election shall be void, and the Lodge proceed anew into the election.

SEC. 6. A majority of votes shall be necessary to a choice, and if more than two Brethren be balloted for, and no one of them have a majority of

all the votes given, the candidate having the lowest ballot shall be dropped, and shall not be re-nominated or again voted for during the same election, and thus to continue until some one of them shall receive a majority.

ARTICLE VII.

The expenses necessarily incurred by the elective officers of this Grand Lodge and by its Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and by one Representative from each Subordinate Lodge to this Lodge, in coming to, returning from, and attending on its sessions, shall be paid by this Grand Lodge. But the funds of this Grand Lodge shall not be used or transferred for any other purpose but in the proper expenses of the Grand Lodge in conducting its legitimate business.

ARTICLE VIII.

No amendment, alteration, or addition shall be made to this Constitution, unless proposed in writing at a regular Communication and supported by the Past Grands or Representatives of two Lodges (and a copy thereof, certified by the Grand Secretary, shall be forwarded to every Subordinate Lodge for its consideration), until the next Annual Communication; and such proposed alteration, amendment, or addition shall not then take place unless there shall appear in favor of it two-thirds of the votes present.

I hereby certify that the foregoing pages, numbers 14,296 to 14,302, both inclusive, contain the entire Code of Rules of Order, Standing Resolutions and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, I. O. O. F., with all amendments up to and including the Annual Session of said Grand Lodge held in the city of Alexandria, Va., April 10, 11 and 12, 1894.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, in the city of Richmond, Va.

T. WILEY DAVIS,
Grand Secretary.

[SEAL.]

Exhibit B.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

Rochester, New York, February 15th, 1895.

J. V. GRINSTEAD, *Grand Master:*

ESTEEMED SIR AND BROTHER.—I have just laid before me a lengthy petition signed by both of your Grand Representatives, setting forth a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia at its last session, seeking to change the time fixed by your Constitution for holding your Annual Communication, saying that upon application you had declined to call the Grand Lodge to assemble at the time fixed by the Constitution. The petition is accompanied by a copy of your Constitution, certified by your Grand Secretary, T. WILEY DAVIS. I am asked as to the legality of the action of your Grand Lodge in the premises, and to give directions in the matter. I have also the proceedings of the session of April last. Before making any decision in the case, I desire to hear both sides, if desired. Please communicate anything you may desire in the premises, and it will be duly considered.

Fraternally yours,

J. W. STEBBINS,
Grand Sire.

Exhibit C.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER,
GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA, I. O. O. F.

Lexington, Va., Feb'y 18, 1895.

J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Yours to hand and contents noted, and will say that I was somewhat surprised to find that a petition had been sent you by both of our Representatives from this Jurisdiction, in reference to the holding of the next session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in May instead of April, as heretofore. I say that I am surprised at such an appeal going up to you, especially from our Representatives. At the last session of our Grand Lodge, early in the session a resolution was offered making a change in our annual meeting, one month later, the argument in favor of the change being, that each year in April, it being so near Easter, we usually had bad weather; a vote was taken on this resolution and no one, not even our *Representatives* voting against it, and for the reason of this I have refused to gratify the whims of two or three persons in this matter when I knew that at least two hundred Brothers—it being *unanimous*—voted for the change. My notion is, that our Representatives, instead of sitting still and saying nothing, should, instead of voting in its favor, have appealed to our Grand Lodge, and then if carried against them, they could have let the Sovereign Grand Lodge settle it at its last session. I have received various letters on this question, all of which urge me not to call or change the time back to April, for various reasons. It cannot hurt anyone to let the change of time stand, but on the other hand, to be compelled to make the change now would greatly inconvenience not only myself but our Grand Secretary, as I decided some weeks ago, this matter in order that the Grand Secretary could send out to the different Lodges important matters, and this matter should have been sent out at that time, and every Lodge now understands that no change will be made, and they have all made their arrangements accordingly, and so our Brothers in the city of Manchester would be put to great inconvenience if I should be forced to call a change. *It is true that our Constitution was to some extent violated, but many of us think that it is very doubtful whether Virginia has any valid Constitution; they have violated it every year for the last fifteen years, in some respect*, and I cannot see that our Representatives have any grounds for complaint at this change, when worse violations of the Constitution have been suffered to exist in the past and nothing said by them. I hope you will consider this matter well and not force us into a measure that will certainly cause trouble at our next meeting. I am in touch with our Brothers in the State and know what is expected by them, wherein our Representatives are not. This is a pet whim of Bro. BLANKS, and God bless him, I love him, but he is wrong in this. Hoping to hear from you, allowing me to let our resolution stand and let us meet in May, when the weather is good. I am

Yours in F. L. & T.,

J. V. GRINSTEAD,

Grand Master.

Exhibit D.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

Rochester, New York, February 21st, 1895.

J. V. GRINSTEAD, *Grand Master:*

ESTEEMED SIR AND BROTHER.—Yours of the 18th has just reached me. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, as approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and until so approved was inoperative, is the law by which the Grand Lodge *must* be governed, until amended in the *manner* provided in it, and that amendment is *approved* by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge can change no one of its provisions in any other manner. Any attempt to do so is *absolutely* null and void. To attempt to carry out such a resolution would subject the Grand Lodge to the loss of its Charter. No consent can have the least influence on the question. The resolution found on the top of page 108 of your Journal is absolutely null and void, as an amendment or change of Sec. 3 of Art. II. of your Constitution.

You admit that the Constitution was violated. I am surprised at your remark that the "Constitution has been violated every year for the last fifteen years"; that you "begin to doubt whether Virginia has any valid Constitution." You have a valid Constitution, one approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. If you have violated it for fifteen years it is high time that you began to respect it.

My decision is that your Grand Lodge *must* meet on the "Tuesday after the second Monday in April," next, according to Sec. 3 of Art. II. of your Constitution; and that you notify the Grand Secretary to notify the Subordinate Lodges accordingly. Fraternally yours,

J. W. STEBBINS,
Grand Sire.

Exhibit E.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,
GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA, I. O. O. F.

Richmond, Va., March 5th, 1895.

DEAR BRO. STANSBURY.—Yours of yesterday to hand, and I am glad to know that your wife is improving.

I will have the slip printed with the usual April papers. (*This means information for your tabulation, D. R. S.*) I received on yesterday a telegram and a letter from our Grand Master in which he says: "I have decided not to change the meeting to April instead of May."

I shall at once correspond with railroads and hotels, in accordance with the above. Yours fraternally in F., L. and T.,

T. WILEY DAVIS,
Grand Secretary.

DEAR BRO. STEBBINS.—The above lines explain the situation. "*Be sure you are right* and then go ahead." Yours in F., L. and T.,

D. R. STANSBURY.

Exhibit F.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

Rochester, New York, March 11th, 1895.

D. R. STANSBURY, *Grand Representative:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Yours came duly informing me that your Grand Master had refused to call your Grand Lodge session at the time fixed by your Constitution. I regret his stubbornness. He has the law and my decision before him. However, as I understand your Constitution, no formal call for your session is necessary. No failure to issue a call can effect the legality of the Grand Lodge proceedings when assembled. Your Constitution requires Representatives of fifteen Lodges (Sec. 1, Art. II).

To save your Jurisdiction and preserve its rights it will be necessary for you to secure the attendance of at least fifteen Representatives from as many different Lodges, and as many more as you can; notify the Grand Secretary and Grand Master that the session will be held in April, as provided in the Constitution, and whether they are present or not, proceed with the business of the session. Sec. 2 of Art. II. provides for such an emergency. Then let the proceedings of the two sessions come before the Sovereign Grand Lodge and it will not take long to decide which is the legal Body. I have gone as far as my duty calls me to go without being arbitrary. The remedy is in your hands wholly.

You are at liberty to make such use of this advise as you think best.

Fraternally yours,

J. W. STEBBINS,

Grand Sire.

Exhibit G.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21st, 1895.

J. W. STEBBINS, *Esq., Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., Rochester, N. Y.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Please answer the following question, *by wire:* If the Grand Lodge of Virginia meets in accordance with the Constitution, on the 9th day of April, and immediately adjourns over until the 14th day of May, would this action make the May meeting legal? There is a movement of this kind on foot and I want your advice before acting.

Fraternally yours in haste,

D. R. STANBURY, *Grand Rep.*

Send answer to my Washington address, as I only get mail, etc., at Alexandria, at nights.

Answered March 22.—Yes. If a quorum be present and a majority decide so to do. (Sec. 3 of Art. II. Constitution.) J. W. S., *G. S.*

EXHIBIT Y—TABULATION—*Buildings owned by the Order.*

JURISDICTION.	Number.	When erected—first and last.	How owned.	Cost.	Present value.	Indebtedness.	Size and Height. Largest.	Smallest.	Stories.	Net income.
*Alabama										
*Arizona										
Arkansas	33	1888—1894	Lodges and Encampments	$42,203 12	$45,200 00	$16,171 72	60x90	20x40	1 to 2	
*British Columbia										
California	148		Lodges and Corporations	1,115,411 47	1,441,360 00	275,100 00	150x152	16x24	1 to 4	$51,617 00
Colorado	62	1863—1895	Lodges	224,417 00	244,050 00	57,800 00	50x125	20x40	2 to 3	10,248 00
Connecticut	9	1866—1894	Lodges, 8; Association, 1	163,000 00	173,900 00	90,000 00	51x107	28x49	3 to 4	
*Delaware										
District of Columbia	4	1847—1884	Lodges and Encampments	32,906 58	170,000 00	30,000 00	77x120	22x28	2 to 3	8,360 00
Florida	7	1845—1890	Lodges with Masons	44,250 00	50,600 00	8,750 00	40x80	25x40	2 to 3	1,925 00
Georgia	11				188,000 00					
*Idaho										
Illinois	279		In fee, and Stock Companies		862,270 00	205,749 00	75x90	18x36	1½ to 3	
Indiana	214	1863—1894	Lodges and Associations	329,072 80	816,655 03	165,771 22				41,556 87
Iowa	257	1854—1895	Lodges, mostly	772,051 00	1,012,725 00	259,042 00	60x118	20x30	1 to 3	66,519 50
Kansas	120	1848—1894	Lodges & Enc'ts, with Masons	375,728 90	375,158 32	103,043 08	50x90	14x24	½ to 3	19,863 15
Kentucky	51	1840—1891	Lodges and Associations	385,724 00	422,449 00	149,278 00	67x152	20x36	2 to 5	20,708 00
Louisiana	6	1845—1888	Lodges and Stock Company	163,200 00	94,000 00	25,550 00	50x170	24x40	2 to 4	4,804 00
Lower Provs., B. N. A.	8	1880—1890	Lodges and Associations	47,245 00	47,445 00	21,150 00	40x100	24x40		
Maine	49	1850—1894	44 by Lodges, 5 jointly	169,550 00	175,940 00	22,938 00	51x88	24x50	1½ to 3	7,199 00
Manitoba	4	1881—1893	Fee simple	45,550 00	41,550 00	20,300 00	66x70		3	2,825 00
Maryland	38	1844—1894	Lodges and Grand Lodge	248,364 00	264,290 00	13,710 00	98x168	20x30	2 to 4	10,595 56
Massachusetts	43	1842—1895	Lodges and O. F. H. Ass'n	1,220,667 86	1,089,898 00	424,478 83	90x100	30x40	2 to 5	54,006 22
Michigan	124		Lodges		145,027 95					
Minnesota	47	1869—1894	Lodges, members and Masons	285,520 00	432,382 68	121,854 14	75x90	20x44	1 to 3	54,392 00
Mississippi	14				42,093 28					
Missouri	113		Lodges and Grand Lodge	717,308 00	1,038,670 00	530,250 00	27½x116⁸	22x40	1 to 8	38,157 00
Montana	12	1873—1891	Lodges	98,000 00	108,900 00	21,300 00	60x100	20x24	2 to 3	10,600 00
Nebraska	39	1871—1895	Lodges and Masons	183,153 20	216,980 71	74,624 87	48x90	22x15	2 to 4	7,226 04
Nevada	15	1861—1880	Lodges and Masons	178,325 00	56,665 00	19,550 00	50x100	18x26	2 to 4	7,657 00
New Hampshire	27	1872—1895	Lodges, Encamp'ts and Ass'n	343,394 00	371,962 00	102,625 00	75x125	30x40	2 to 5	6,612 25
New Jersey	22	1840—1894	Lodges	166,448 52	120,450 00	24,200 00	48x75	22x29	1 to 3	4,262 61
New Mexico	1	1880—1880	Lodge	5,200 00	5,200 00	800 00	25x75		2	360 00
*New York										

North Carolina	11	1878—1894	Lodges and Encampments	31,350 00	32 800 00	2,900 00	40x80	28x36	2 to 3	.....
North Dakota	4	1884—1894	Lodges, 1 by L S.M. & H.O.U.	41,476 02	41,860 02	10,991 04	20x100	24x72	2	4,600 00
Ohio	376	1840—1894	Lodges: 193 in part, 162 in whole, 21 land	1,555,355 00	1,755,342 00	205,941 00	126x156	18x36	2 to 9	96,632 00
*Oklahoma	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ontario	45	1855—1894	Lodges	301,458 01	339,575 22	72 246 99	55x100	24x36	2 to 4	10,240 74
*Oregon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pennsylvania	212	1840—1895	Lodges and Associations	2,233,020 51	2,348,442 45	1,195,860 01	120x170	16x32	1 to 9	48,346 00
*Quebec	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rhode Island	27	.....	Lodges	.....	284,680 00	88,078 68	.....	.....	.....	.....
*South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Dakota	25	1883—1895	Lodges	12,100 00	40,400 00	8,000 00	30x80	25x60	2	.....
Tennessee	66	1838—1894	Lodges	199,380 00	198,020 00	27,937 80	100x100	16x32	2 to 3	8,279 05
Texas	88	1860—1896	Lodges	257,412 00	298,420 00	48,937 00	50x100	30x60	2 to 3	23,050 00
Utah	3	1886—1892	Lodges, and ½ with K. of P.	60,000 00	60,000 00	27,000 00	50x120	30x80	2 to 3	.....
Vermont	7	1872—1891	Lodges and Associations	51,550 00	57,350 00	21,035 00	60x80	25x28	2 to 4	3,360 00
Virginia	16	1840—1894	Lodges and Stock	95,750 00	95,700 00	36,636 10	110x100	20x32	2 to 3	3,826 00
Washington	46	1870—1895	Lodges	272,847 00	264,477 00	122,194 00	60x120	20x40	2 to 4	17,436 00
West Virginia	.....	.....	Lodges	.....	165,875 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin	121	1858—1894	Lodges and Associations	384,625 95	369,635 00	103.439 74	50x120	16x20	2 to 3	21.343 31
Wyoming	8	1876—1890	Wholly, except 2	40,450 00	39,600 00	3,200 00	44x66	22x36	2	4,334 00
Total	2812	.....	.....	$12,895,464 94	$16,445,998 66	$4,759,408 22	.....	.....	.....	$670,941 30

*No report.

EUROPE.

Sweden	4	out of	5	Lodges	own	buildings.
Denmark	20	"	25	"	"	"
Germany	35	"	50	"	"	"
Switzerland	2	"	5	"	"	"
	61		85			

EXHIBIT Y—TABULATION—Continued—*Homes for the Aged, Widows and Orphans, or either.*

JURISDICTIONS.	Number.	Where located.	When erected.	How owned.	Acreage.	Cost.	Present value.	Indebtedness.	Residents.				Cost of maintenance. (Not including improvements.)
									Males.	Wives.	Widows.	Orphans.	
*California	1												
Connecticut	1		1892	Lodges of State	47	$13,000 00	$13,000 00		17	2			Not yet ascertained.
Florida	1		1894	Grand Lodge	3	20,000 00	20,000 00	$10,000	†9				$4.00 per week.
Idaho	1		Being erected	Grand Lodge	60	8,500 00	10,000 00						
Illinois	1		1891	Grand Lodge	40	61,000 00	80,000 00					83	About $125 each, per yr.
Kansas	2	Great Bend	1887	Lodge Trustees	2 lots	300 00	300 00						
			1893	"	3,156	000 00	125,000 00					20	
Massachusetts	1	Worcester	1890–91	Grand Lodge	16	90,578 35	90,578 35		37	5	2		
‡Minnesota	1												
‖New Hampshire	1	Concord	Bought, 1886	I. O. O. F. Asso'n	8	20,500 00	25,000 00		8		4		
North Carolina	1	Goldsboro	1892	Grand Lodge	20		10,000 00					30	$2,343.
§North Dakota	1												
Ohio	2	Rossmoyne	1882	Grand Lodge	20	10,808 99	10,808 99		13				$3.76 per week, each.
		Springfield	1894	Grand Lodge	76	17,775 00	17,775 00						Will open Sept., 1895.
¶Tennessee	1	Memphis		Chr's of Memphis									
Texas	1	Corsicana	1885	Grand Lodge	286		27,264 67					50	$6.40 per month.
**Washington													
Wisconsin	1	Green Bay	1890	Grand Lodge	7.14	27,000 00	253,000 00		8	2	2	15	$3 per week, per capita.
Total	17				3739.14	$269,462 34	$682,727 01	$10,000	92	9	8	198	

*Not reported. †All from other Jurisdictions. ‡Incorporated and $7,000 raised for Home purposes. ‖$37,000 toward $50,000 endowment, constituted to make it self-sustaining. §Grand Lodge appointed Committee, the money being raised mostly by Rebekahs. ¶Odd Fellows paid $20,000 from Yellow Fever Fund, and all O. F. orphans supported free. **Has no Home, but a fund is being accumulated for that purpose by the Grand Lodge.

Reports have not been received from Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, West Virginia.

British Columbia, Colorado, District of Columbia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Lower Provinces B. N. A., Maine, Manitoba, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Quebec, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming, report that they have no Homes.

The Grand Secretary and Adjutant General submitted his annual report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports:

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY AND ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Grand Secretary herewith presents his report of the transactions of this office from August 21st, 1894, to July 31st, 1895, the termination of the fiscal year, as ordered by the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1894.

The duties assigned to be discharged during the recess, are as follows:

DONATIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That four copies of the Ritual printed in the Swedish language be presented to Amicitia Lodge, No. 3, of Sweden; and that four copies of of the same Ritual, and four copies of the Floor Work, be presented to the Grand Lodge of the Kingdom of Sweden, when said Lodge shall have been instituted.—*Journal*, 14,102.

The above direction was complied with by sending, May 17th, 1895, four copies of the Swedish Ritual to Amicitia Lodge, No. 3, and July 31st, 1895, as soon as the return of the institution was received, four copies to Bro. FRED. GEIJER, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Sweden.

FINANCIAL.

2. *Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand dollars be paid to Gen. JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, in full of all claims of whatsoever kind against the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., and in full for all claims for services rendered by him on account of the Patriarchs Militant, in any capacity in which he has served or acted to this date.

3. *Resolved, further*, That the Chairman of the Finance Committee require of Gen. JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, simultaneously with the delivery of the check of $1,000, provided for in the foregoing resolution, a receipt in full for all demands and claims as above set forth.—*Journal*, 14,053.

In response to the above, the following are submitted:

LOOKOUT INN, near Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 20, 1894.

After complete expert examination of all accounts between the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., and JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, Past Generalissimo, and their settlement in full, whereof joint acknowledgment is hereby made in duplicate, as a clearance between said parties of every nature whatsoever, covering as it does every character of transaction—embracing fiduciary and other trusts, all charges for services rendered and interest on money loaned by said J. C. UNDERWOOD, in greater or lesser amounts, with or without errors, etc.—is hereby made a *quit claim receipt* in every particular to date.

Witness the hand and name of the Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, acting for that Body, and of the said JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, this date first above written.

CL. T. CAMPBELL,
Grand Sire, S. G. L.
JNO. C. UNDERWOOD.

The original pencil draft of the paper was submitted to the Junior Past Grand Sire, CHAS. M. BUSBEE, who endorsed as follows thereon:

"I think this ends it forever and includes every conceivable claim."

C. M. BUSBEE.

January 4th, 1895, the following was received:

COVINGTON, KY., Dec. 20th, 1894.

Hon. THEO. A. ROSS, *Gr. Sec'y, I. O. O. F., etc., Baltimore, Md.:*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—During my incumbency as Commander of Patriarchs Militant, I had transactions with the Am. Ger. Nat'l Bank of Paducah, Ky.; the Farmers' and Traders' Nat'l Bank of Covington, Ky.; S. KUHN & SONS of Cincinnati, Ohio; the DUHME Co., the Pettibone Mfg. Co., the Strobridge Lithographing Co. and COHEN & Co., all of Cincinnati, Ohio.

I discounted notes at the Banks and had running accounts with the business firms all of which have been settled in full; and I herewith append statements signed by all said parties in acknowledgment thereof, and transmit them to your file, to the satisfaction of the S. G. L.

I also embrace a copy of the *quit claim* receipt (signed in duplicate) that passed between the S. G. L. and myself, and will thank you to place all such documents, together with this letter of transmittal, on proper file.

Very truly and fraternally,

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,
Past Generalissimo.

With the above the following were received:

No. 1.

$3,000.00. Sept. 2, 1889.

One day after date I promise to pay to JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, three thousand dollars, payable and negotiable in the Farmers' and Traders' National Bank of Covington, Ky., for value received by the Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., in money loaned.

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,
Generalissimo, etc.

This note bears interest from Sept. 3, 1889, until paid.

J. C. U.

Indorsed: Settled in full of all demands whatever.

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.

Sept. 20, 1894.

Three thousand dollars the face of this note was paid without interest.

J. C. OSBORN, *Cashier.*

Sept. 20, 1894.

The interest is hereby donated to the S. G. L.

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD.

No. 2.

$1,000.00 Sept. 1, 1890.

One day after date I promise to pay to the order of JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, one thousand dollars, payable and negotiable in the Farmers' and Traders' Nat'l Bank of Covington, Ky., with interest thereon from date until paid, for value received in money loaned the Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F.

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,
Generalissimo, etc.

Indorsed: Settled in full of all demands whatever.

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD.

September 20, 1894.

One thousand dollars the face of this note was paid without interest.

J. C. OSBORN, *Cashier.*

Sept. 20, 1894.

The interest is hereby donated to the S. G. L.

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD.

No. 3. PADUCAH, KY., Dec. 19, 1894.

To whom it may concern:

This is in acknowledgment of the full payment of all notes drawn by Gen. JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, as Lieut. Gen'l and Commander of Patriarchs Militant, that were discounted at the American German National Bank of Paducah, Ky.

ED. L. ATKINS, *Cashier.*

No. 4. COVINGTON, KY., Dec. 17, 1894.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that all notes negotiated and discounted at the Farmers' and Traders' National Bank of this city by Gen. JNO. C. UNDERWOOD in his official capacity as Commander of Patriarchs Militant have been paid and taken up.

THE FARMERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK,
By J. L. Sandford, Cashier.

No. 5. CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 15, 1894.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that all notes drawn by Gen. JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, Commander of Patriarchs Militant, and discounted by COHEN & Co., with us, have been paid and taken up.

Very truly yours,
S. KUHN & SONS.

No. 6. CINCINNATI, O., Dec., 14, 1894.

To whom it shall concern:

Know ye, that all accounts of whatsoever nature contracted by Gen. JOHN C. UNDERWOOD (in his official capacity as Commander of Patriarchs Militant) with us. severally, are paid in full to date and detailed receipts thereof have been given.

THE DUHME CO.,
R. H. Galbraith.
COHEN & CO.
THE PETTIBONE MFG. CO.,
By James Pettibone, Pres't.
THE STROBRIDGE LITHOGRAPHING CO.,
By J. M. Strobridge, Treas.

The accompanying letter from Gen. UNDERWOOD to Grand Sire CAMPBELL, dated Sept. 20th, 1894, was received from Bro. CAMPBELL, Sept. 28th, 1894, without any directions, but as Gen. UNDERWOOD, in his letter to the Grand Secretary, dated January 3d, 1895, received January 4th, 1895, stated that he had sent the letter to the Grand Sire, "with the request that he might have it spread on the Journal and thereby relieve me of implied neglect of duty in failing to promptly turn over the few remaining effects of the P. M. in my hands," etc., I present it as follows:

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, Tenn., Sept. 20th, 1894.

Hon. CL. T. CAMPBELL, *Grand Sire, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND SIRE.—It appears in the report of the Adjutant-General of Patriarchs Militant, that certain books, typewriting machine, commission ribbon, pictures and letter box, were not forwarded to Baltimore with other P. M. effects. Such is in part true—for the cash, petty expense, and time books, etc., vouchers and sundry other papers, were held at Chicago pending the COHEN & Co. settlement; and in the same trunk the rolls of ribbon,

all of which was stated to the Adjutant-General, and will be forwarded to him forthwith. The pictures are in the upper front office at his headquarters in Baltimore. The letter box was fixed to the door of the Omaha building, Chicago, and had to be left (as of little value elsewhere), while the second-hand typewriting machine was given to the stenographer, Miss NARACON, as a very slight testimonial of her three years' services. The few remaining effects at Columbus will be forwarded forthwith, and the desk presented to me will be turned over to the Adjutant-General in lieu of the old typewriting machine, which was thought to be part of the desk outfit presented to me.

The sundry supplies were reported by estimate, and surpass by actual count the estimated numbers.

Oblige by having the necessary entries made, so as to show the facts as expressed above.

Fraternally yours,
JNO. C. UNDERWOOD.

Concerning the P. M. effects at Columbus, Ohio, Gen. UNDERWOOD wrote November 25, 1894, as follows:

"I've just returned from Columbus and find your letter awaiting me. While there, I went to the warehouse and inspected the P. M. boxes stored there, and opened one. The effects comprise two large boxes of old reports, papers and books of little or no value, a box containing several saddles and bridles, and a box containing felt saddle blankets, breast straps, etc., a couple of old benches, small old style pigeon-hole secretary, and a large bureau and book case top. There is storage charges of $35 on the lot, and if shipped, the same will be increased to near $40, to which will have to be added the freight, and I doubt if the whole could be placed in your headquarters for much less than $50, all told. The old reports of 1887 cost nothing, and are worth the same or less, now that even the P. M. Regulations of 1892 have been killed; the old furniture (originally second hand) is not worth shipping, and the few saddles, bridles and felt pads would not bring half the cost, so I don't think it advisable to ship the effects, but rather instruct me to sell them and pay the charges of storage.

"I don't want any more bills to be presented to the S. G. L. on P. M. account, *where it is possible to lay any blame to me*, and will undertake to dispose of such effects, rather than turn in such old and now useless plunder at such a cost.

"However, I shan't do it without instructions from you, and let me know at once, so I can have the mould washed off the leather and try and dispose of the effects before the storage increases—charges now being up to the 8th of December next.

"I'm overhauling the office papers not previously sent, and will check them through in the old leather trunk free of cost. I want to get rid of it as soon as possible."

Not feeling authorized to incur the expense of storage in Columbus, the Grand Secretary applied to the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and received a reply embodied in the following letter to Gen. UNDERWOOD:

BALTIMORE, MD., November 30, 1894.

Gen. JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, *Covington, Kentucky:*

DEAR GENERAL.—Your letter of 25th reached me 27th inst., and, as I was unwilling to subject the Sovereign Grand Lodge to further expense, I sent a copy of your letter to the Chairman of Committee on Finance and

informed him that without his sanction I would not pay the storage charges or authorize you to sell the property. I have just received his reply, as follows:

"I agree with J. C. UNDERWOOD where he says, 'I don't want any more bills (P. M.) presented to Sovereign Grand Lodge,' and if the material is in the condition as represented by the General, let him keep it, and do with it whatever he pleases. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has paid and lost sufficient money to cry 'halt,' and that was the intention of the Finance Committee when they paid or ordered the last remaining bills or remnants of the P. M's. paid. I am pleased to learn that you agree with me on this subject."

I do not think the property ought to have been stored in Columbus. I gave you timely notice of our removal, and if you had so directed, all the P. M. effects then in Columbus, could have been sent with our boxes to Baltimore at a trifling cost, and stored here without any charge. October 24, 1893, a Warrant was made to you by authority of Grand Sire CAMPBELL for $886.35, and included in your statement I find the following:

Expense of J. C. UNDERWOOD to Columbus, Ohio, to see to expressing P. M. effects to Baltimore:

Round transportation via. Cincinnati to see COHEN & Co., 2 x ($7.00 $3.40)	$20	80
Sleeper (twice) at $2.00	4	00
Chair Car (twice) at fifty cents.	1	00
Meals en route both ways	3	00
One day in Cincinnati, two days in Columbus	15	00
Street Cars estimated	1	00
Personal time donated	0	00
		$44 80

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD.

If the property had then been sent to Baltimore as promised, the storage for more than one year would have been saved. I am not inclined to issue any further directions about the property.

I presume I have the large P. M. flag cuts, as I received some from Gen. ELLACOTT and paid $1.25 expressage on them. It is doubtful if they are worth twenty-five cents to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and if I had known just what the cuts were, I think I would not have had them sent from Chicago, as they seem to be of no more value than so many plain boards. They are so warped that they cannot be used, if wanted.

Fraternally yours,
THEO. A. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

By request of Gen. UNDERWOOD, I also sent to him the following:

BALTIMORE, MD., December 7, 1894.

Gen. J. C. UNDERWOOD, *Covington, Kentucky:*

DEAR GENERAL.—Referring to your letter concerning the storage of certain P. M. effects in Columbus, Ohio, in February, 1893, I have to say that I did not authorize the storage of the articles; but whatever was done in that direction was without my knowledge or consent.

Therefore, I do not consider the Sovereign Grand Lodge at all responsible for any charges on the said articles, and I must certainly decline to pay any bill for storage, etc.

You have, of course, the right to dispose of the property and pay the expense incurred.

Fraternally yours,
THEO. A. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

4. Your Committee on Finance having considered the claim of W. H. LEEDY, for services rendered in the arbitration case of COHEN & Co., would recommend that he be allowed mileage and per diem to the amount of $50. —*Journal*, 14,053.

Warrant No. 6465 was drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the amount as above.

5. *Resolved*, That the sum of $500 is hereby annually appropriated to defray the expenses of the Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, and that the Committee on Finance be instructed to insert said sum in the budget of expenses, unless otherwise ordered by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. —*Journal*, 14,103.

By request of Bro. BLOCK, Warrant No. 6651, for $500, was sent to him June 28, 1895, as authorized by the report of the Committee on Finance, page 14,172, Journal.

6. *Resolved*, That a Warrant in favor of Rep. FRED J. COSSITT to the amount of $100.30 for mileage and per diem be drawn and ordered paid. —*Journal*, 14,108.

Warrant No. 6268, in favor of FRED J. COSSITT, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Kansas, for amount as above, was drawn, and the same is included in the mileage and per diem tables.

7. Your Committee on Finance respectfully recommend that the appropriation of $300, as allowed at the session of 1893, for a Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, be paid to HERMAN BLOCK, Grand Representative. —*Journal*, 14,108.

The amount, as above, was paid by Warrant No. 6464.

8. Your Committee on Finance having carefully considered the question of extra compensation to Bvt. Lieut.-Gen. WM. S. FROST, Chief of Staff, for compiling and writing up the records and roster of the Patriarchs Militant for the years 1892-93, respectfully report that the work performed was rendered necessary by the incomplete condition of said records and roster for that period, and that it involved much tedious work.

They, therefore, recommend the payment of the sum of six hundred ($600) dollars, less ninety-one dollars and twenty-five cents ($91.25) paid Bro. FROST during the fiscal year, on this account, by order of the Grand Sire, making a balance of five hundred and eight dollars and seventy-five cents ($508.75), being the amount in full to be paid for this work completed up to the time of the repeal of the Patriarchs Militant laws at Milwaukee in 1893.—*Journal*, 14,109.

Warrant No. 6495 for $508.75, was drawn, as above directed.

9. *Resolved*, That on account of the efficient service rendered this Grand Body and the Order at large by the full and complete report of the proceedings of this Grand Body, that a sum equal to the per diem of a Representative be allowed the Official Reporter, Bro. SHIPLEY, P. G. Rep., of Missouri.—*Journal*, 14,154.

The above was paid to Bro. SHIPLEY, by Warrant No. 6502, for $30.

10. Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. CABLE, of Ohio, authorizing the payment to the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Mexico, of the sum of $157.71, paid to the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1859, being the funds of the defunct Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, located at Santa Fe, in what is now

the Grand Jurisdiction of New Mexico, but at that time one of the Subordinates of the Grand Lodge of the United States, have carefully considered the subject, and Section 446, of the Digest of 1889, which provides for the transmission to a newly instituted Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of the Charters and property in the possession of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, of all defunct or suspended Subordinate Lodges or Encampments embraced within the territory of such newly instituted Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

It appears that Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, has not been revived, and unless the statute of limitations be applied, the Grand Lodge of New Mexico is the natural and legal custodian of the property and Charter of this defunct Lodge.

They, therefore, recommend that the sum of $157.71, so held in trust by this Grand Lodge, be handed over to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, its legal custodian.—*Journal*, 14,169.

As there was an evident error in the printed Journal as to the amount received from Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, the written records in this office showing that only $147.46 had been received, with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Warrant No. 6530, for $147.46, was sent to JAMES F. NEWHALL, Grand Secretary, Santa Fe.

11. Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. CABLE, of Ohio, providing for the remittance of the sum of $75.00, Representative tax for the year 1893, paid by the Grand Jurisdiction of New Mexico, respectfully report that this same matter was referred to the Finance Committee at the last session of this Grand Lodge, at Milwaukee, and it was reported on adversely, for the reason that no reason was given for the Grand Lodge of New Mexico failing to be represented, which report was adopted.

It appears, however, from a letter sent to this Sovereign Grand Lodge by Bro. W. G. RITCH, Grand Master of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Mexico, dated September 5, 1893, which was received at the office of this Grand Body, at Baltimore, on the day the Grand Secretary left for Milwaukee, and the letter was not before this Grand Lodge, that from a misunderstanding of the law, a Representative was not elected at their session, and under their Constitution, the Grand Master could not fill an original vacancy by appointment.

It also appears that the mileage, etc., which the Sovereign Grand Lodge would have been obliged to pay to such Representative had he been present, would have amounted to considerable in excess of $75.00.

They, therefore, recommend that the above tax of $75.00 be remitted. —*Journal*, 14,170.

On application of Grand Secretary NEWHALL, Warrant No. 6529 was sent to him in settlement of above.

12. Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. BILLINGSLEA, appropriating the sum of $300, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to procure a suitable portrait of Past Grand Sire CL. T. CAMPBELL, respectfully report, that they heartily recommend the appropriation.—*Journal*, 14,170.

The portrait was received November 14, 1894, and Warrant No. 6527 was drawn for $300, and sent to Bro. CAMPBELL.

13. *Resolved*, That the sum of sixty-seven thousand and forty-six dollars and sixty-three cents ($67,046.63), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the annual expenses of the Sov-

ereign Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, in the manner and to the extent, and for the purposes heretofore set out and expressed, and that the Grand Secretary is authorized to draw his Warrants on the Grand Treasurer therefor, at such time and in such amounts as may be required to pay all such properly approved bills of accounts as may be presented; *provided*, however, the Grand Secretary shall only draw his Warrants for, and the Grand Treasurer only pay the respective sums specified, as appropriated for the several items above designated.—*Journal*, 14,173.

As occasion required, Warrants have been drawn to pay the expenses incurred for books, etc., during the year. The details will be found in the table of "Appropriations and Expenditures."

MISCELLANEOUS.

14. Rebekah Laws, SEC. 23. The Grand Secretary shall furnish Grand Lodges with blanks for Annual Returns of Rebekah Lodges, and such Grand Lodges shall require such returns to be made on the 31st of December of each year. Any neglect to make such returns shall be visited with such penalties as the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction may direct.—*Journal*, 14,012.

All the blanks required by the above, were promptly forwarded to the several Grand Secretaries.

15. *Resolved*, That the bonds of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Assistant Grand Secretary for ten thousand dollars each, as required by the laws of this Grand Lodge, shall be the bonds of one or more reliable Guaranty or Indemnity Companies, to be approved by the Grand Sire, and to be presented to him within one month after the close of this annual session, the expense of the said bonds to be paid by this Grand Lodge.

Provided, that pending the perfection of this Trust Company bond, the usual bond, with two sureties, be given.—*Journal*, 14,081.

The bonds of the Fidelity and Deposit Co., Baltimore, for $10,000 each, for the Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary, were obtained October 29, 1894, and the bond of the Citizens Trust and Security Co., Philadelphia, for $10,000 for the Grand Treasurer, was obtained November 24, 1894. All the bonds are for two years from date.

16. *Resolved*, That the Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges, this day amended and adopted, shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption.

And that the same be printed in pamphlet form and that the Grand Secretary furnish to each Grand Representative three copies, and to each Grand Jurisdiction a sufficient number of copies to give one copy to each Rebekah Lodge.—*Journal*, 14,087.

This direction was complied with as early as possible. The pamphlet was issued early in October and forwarded to Grand Representatives and Grand Secretaries.

17. *Resolved*, That the petition of Signor ALBERTO D'URSI and others, his associates and fellows, to be made Odd Fellows, to enable them to petition for a Charter for a Subordinate Lodge at Naples, Italy, be granted; that the Order be introduced into Italy; that the Grand Sire take all proper steps to effect such introduction; that he may issue a Commission to some suitable person to initiate petitioners, and take such further steps toward the introduction of the Order into the Kingdom of Italy, Europe, as he shall deem right and proper.—*Journal*, 14,105.

As stated under "Warrants Issued," the Charter for Colombo Lodge, No. 1, Naples, Italy, was delivered to Bro. HERMAN BLOCK, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, who reported the institution of the Lodge.

18. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby, requested to forward to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama all the papers in connection with the petition of the said Brother GEORGE RICH for the purposes above set forth.—*Journal*, 14,122.

This direction was promptly complied with, but the Brother claims that other documents are needed. We sent all we had.

19. Your Committee on Petitions would respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the petition of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Nebraska, at its annual session held in Lincoln, October 18, 1893, setting forth in said petition the loss or destruction of their original Grand Lodge Charter, and requesting that a duplicate Charter be granted said Grand Lodge by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at this session.

As sufficient proof is before your committee, in connection with said petition, to satisfy them that the Charter has been lost or destroyed, they recommend that a duplicate Charter be granted the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by this Sovereign Grand Lodge, as provided by the Digest of 1889, Sections 1414 and 1415, and that the same shall be issued without charge to the said Grand Lodge.—*Journal*, 14,126.

As above directed, on the request of Bro. GEO. L. LOOMIS, Grand Representative of Nebraska, the "Duplicate Charter" was sent to him October 2d, 1894.

20. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be, and they are hereby, authorized to close their books on the thirty-first day of July in each year, and to report the financial operations to and including the day named.—*Journal*, 14,136.

This order was obeyed and the books of the Grand Secretary were balanced July 31st, 1895. Of course, as there is a difference of twenty days in the fiscal year, the receipts will be less than for the year that ended August 20th, 1894.

21. *Resolved*, That Grand Representative WHITLOCK be requested to furnish the Grand Secretary with a copy of his address, delivered at the Reunion of Past Grand Representatives, in the Baptist Church in Chattanooga, on Tuesday evening, September 18th, 1894.

Resolved, further, That GOV. PETER TURNEY; Mayor GEO. W. OCHS; M. A. BARRY, Deputy Grand Master; CHAS. F. LANDIS, Grand Patriarch, and CL. T. CAMPBELL, Grand Sire, be requested to furnish copies of their addresses, delivered in this hall at the public reception on Monday, September 17th, 1894, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to print the same, in the Appendix to the Revised Journal of the Proceedings of this session.—*Journal*, 14,145.

On application to the distinguished individuals mentioned, copies of their eloquent addresses were promptly furnished and will be found on pages 14,207–14,212, 14,215, 14216, Journal of 1894.

22. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to procure for the use of this Grand Body, at each annual session, the National Flags of all the Kingdoms, Provinces and Countries, where American Odd Fellowship has been instituted under the authority of this Sovereign Grand

Lodge, and for this purpose the sum of $300, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated.--*Journal*, 14,182.

This subject enlisted the attention of the Grand Secretary at the earliest moment, but as the resolution did not state the dimensions of the flags, or the material to be used, he was in considerable doubt as to what action to take. Correspondence with the author of the resolution elicited the following:

WACO, TEXAS, November 20th, 1894.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Your appreciated favor of 17th inst. received. I concur with you in the opinion that silk will be more appropriate than any other material for the flags, if they can be made thereof within the limit of the appropriation. It may be that the Representatives of some of the Nationalities represented in our Grand Lodge, if properly addressed, might prefer to furnish their own flags. It might be mentioned in correspondence as to what you think best and yet as to a doubt whether the appropriation will authorize the expenditure.

This is left to your own best judgment, as you are invested with full discretion in the execution of and compliance with the resolution.

Yours fraternally,

M. D. HERRING.

The Grand Secretary did not think it advisable to ask "the Representatives of some of the Nationalities represented in our Grand Lodge to furnish their own flags," therefore, he invited several regalia and flag manufacturers to submit proposals for twenty-three flags as follows:

The undersigned proposes to furnish to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., subject to the conditions in the accompanying circular, the following 23 flags to be made of first-class all wool bunting, or good banner silk, as may be determined by the Grand Secretary. Each flag to be five feet wide and eight feet long (5 x 8) clear of the staff. Staffs to be one inch in diameter, ten feet long, of black walnut, oiled, with nickel-plated spear points and a spring hook below the spear-head. Flags are not to be tacked on the staffs, but there must be a loop the entire width of the flag through which the pole will slip; a ring at top of flag to attach to a spring hook on the staff. The name of each country to be in gold letters on a blue silk ribbon, say three inches wide (length according to the name), which ribbon must be attached to the top or center of the flag. Price includes the staff:

New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, West Australia, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Denmark, France, Germany, Hawaiian Islands, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Newfoundland, Peru, Sweden, Switzerland, United States.

It will be satisfactory if the proposal is made in the aggregate (not mentioning the price of each flag) as it is not intended to divide the contract.

Ten proposals were received, and the contract for silk flags was awarded to "The Pettibone Brothers Manufacturing Company" of Cincinnati, Ohio. Their proposal exceeds the sum appropriated by a small amount, but as the Grand Secretary believed it to be the intention of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to have respectable emblems of the several countries in which the Order has been established, he assumed the responsibility of ordering silk instead of bunting flags.

The flags are now in the room, subject to the inspection of the Representatives.

OBITUARY.

23. *Resolved*, That obituary notices that have been, or may be, presented during the session, be printed in the Revised Journal.—*Journal*, 14,028.

The Memorial addresses received will be found on pages 14,184 to 14,200, inclusive, Journal of 1894.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

24. *Resolved*, That the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, providing for the collection of a Canton tax, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Resolved, That the repeal of this law shall date from April, 1894—*Journal*, 14,032.

There was no appropriation for the return of the Canton tax paid for 1894–5, but so many letters were received asking for the return of the money, the Grand Sire was applied to and he authorized the payment. The accounts were adjusted by deducting the fees for Commissions of Officers, and Warrants were sent to the several Department Commanders as follows: Arizona, $9.00; California, $45.00; Delaware, $11.25; Florida, $11.00; Idaho, $33.75; Indiana, $9.00; Iowa, $9.00; Kentucky, $12.00; Louisiana, $9.00; Montana, $27.00; New Brunswick, $9.00; New York, $9.00; Ohio, $24.00; Ontario, $42.10; Oregon, $9.00; Pennsylvania, $9.00; Quebec, $9.00; Rhode Island, $9.00; Utah, $29.25; Vermont, $9.00; Virginia, 11.25; Wisconsin, $11.25. Total, $356.85.

25. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be instructed to have printed fifteen hundred copies of the Patriarchs Militant Code adopted at this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that one copy be sent each Department Commander, each Canton in the several Departments, and one copy to each Grand Representative to the present session of this Grand Body, and the balance sold the same as other supplies, at a price to be determined by said committee.—*Journal*, 14,156.

Early in October, 1894, the Revised Code was prepared and copies were distributed in accordance with above direction.

26. *Resolved*, That at the expiration of the time when the Stokes medal was last competed for, it shall be returned to Past Grand Sire NICHOLSON, to be competed for by the Cantons of Pennsylvania, the old home of Past Grand Sire STOKES.—*Journal*, 14,179.

On applying to Capt. J. N. NUZUM of Canton Elwood, No. 33, Indiana, for the medal, he advised as follows: "I had orders soon after the enactment of the law, to send the medal to the Grand Sire, which I did, and it is now in his possession unless he has delivered it to the proper owners."

PRINTING.

27. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to employ a competent member of the Order to prepare an index for Vol. XVI. (1893, 1894) Journal, and have one thousand copies of the Journal printed and bound, and that a steel engraving of Grand Sire Campbell be placed in each copy.—*Journal*, 13,975.

The Committee authorized Bro. JOHN MEDOLE, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep., of New York, to make the index, but on account of delay in the printing office at Chattanooga, Volume XVI. has not been issued. The steel engravings were promptly procured.

28. "That the Opening, Closing, the Initiation and Installation Odes of Subordinate Lodges, and the similar Odes of Rebekah Lodges, with music suitable to the same, be printed upon card-board, and sold as supplies, at such prices as may be fixed by this Grand Lodge," have duly considered the same and recommend that the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to carry into effect the above resolution.—*Journal*, 14,033.

The committee ordered the Odes printed as above directed, and the several Grand Secretaries were notified that "The Odes have been prepared and are now for sale. There are four pages (size of the pages in the Book of Odes) for Subordinate Lodge Odes and the same number for the Rebekah Odes. The committee determined the price as follows: Subordinate Lodge Odes to Grand Lodges, eight cents each; to Subordinates under the Sovereign Grand Lodge, ten cents each, and the same prices for Rebekah Odes."

29. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be required, when the present supply of the Book of Forms is exhausted, to include in the editions thereafter published, the Memorial Ceremony adopted for Subordinate Bodies, as found on pages 14,091–14,097 of the Proceedings of the present session.—*Journal*, 14,155.

A new edition of the Book of Forms has been issued, and the "Ceremony for Memorial Day" and "Ceremony for Decorating the Graves of Deceased Members" appear on pages 243 to 255, inclusive. There being a considerable demand for the Ceremonies alone, they have been issued as a separate book.

30. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be required, when the present supply of the Book of Forms is exhausted, in the editions published hereafter, to strike out the word "words" in the twelfth line from top of page 83, in the edition of 1893, and insert in lieu thereof the word "works.'."—*Journal*, 14,155.

The correction, as indicated, has been made and "works" instead of "words" appears on page 83.

31. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to make arrangements at the next and future sessions of this Grand Body, to mail the Reports of the Grand Officers and the Daily Journals each day, to the various Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and others entitled to receive the same, direct from the printing office.

Resolved, further, That in order to facilitate such action of the Grand Secretary, each Officer and Representative will forward his mail list to the Grand Secretary at Baltimore, Md., on the first day of September, preceding the session of each year.—*Journal*, 14,179.

Two copies of mail list were sent to each officer and member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that there might be no misunderstanding, each list contained the following:

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Officers and members are requested to note that more than *four thousand* copies of Journal of each day are to be addressed, which, with Officers' Reports, will require more than *twenty-eight thousand* packages to be addressed during the week, a work of much labor. To ensure the prompt mailing of the documents, *the lists must be sent to the Grand Secretary by September 1st*, the time named in the resolution.

It is suggested that the Representatives from each Jurisdiction, before they prepare their lists, consult as to the disposition of the extra copies, to

avoid the trouble heretofore caused, in some instances, when more names appeared on the lists than the law authorizes. If a Jurisdiction is entitled to, say, *fifty* extra copies, and the lists aggregate *sixty extra* names, the extra ten names will be erased.

As directed by the resolution on page 9414, Journal of 1883, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorized to have printed hereafter, and furnish to each Past Grand Sire, Officer and Representative present at the session, fifteen copies of the Reports of Grand Officers and the Daily Journal, and one additional copy of the same for every 500 members of the several Jurisdictions: *provided, however*, that not more than 100 extra copies shall be allowed to any Jurisdiction," the Reports and Journals will be distributed daily as follows:

First—One copy, *not wrapped*, will be laid on the desk of each officer and member at opening of the session.

Second—Fourteen copies, *wrapped for mailing*, will be allotted to each officer and member, and, with the *extra copies* for each Jurisdiction, will be mailed from the printing office.

The number of extra copies for the Jurisdiction of————————is———.

"*Resolved*, That the wrappers in which the Reports and Daily Journals of this Grand Lodge are folded for distribution, have printed thereon some suitable matter by which they may be identified as the Proceedings of the Grand Body, and a blank left on which members can write their names so as to show from whom."—*Journal*, 1893, p. 13,550.

☞Two copies of this are sent to each officer and member, in ample time prior to the first day of September, in order that the provision of the preceding resolution may be complied with.

☞It should be remembered that the packages will be addressed by those who are not familiar with the names of persons and places, therefore special care should be taken to write all names so legibly that they cannot be mistaken. It is advisable, when it can be done, for the Representatives to have the names and residences of those to whom the Reports and Journals are to be sent placed on the mailing list by a *typewriter*.

☞If a Representative wishes one or more copies sent to him, he should write his name and address on the list, repeating it for each copy, which is separately numbered. To write "2 copies," "3 copies," etc., may lead to errors in mailing.

THANKS.

32. The extension of the hand of fellowship, and the open-hearted proffer of the hospitalities of the "homes and castle halls" of the members of such an organization as the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the State of Tennessee, are very gratifying and appreciated, showing, as they do, that in good works there is no competition but in thoroughness and zeal, and that the influence of fraternal principles extends beyond geographical boundaries, and makes all men akin.

Odd Fellowship will always be found willing to unite with associations of men in any work which tends to relieve suffering, and which proves to be in the interest of an amelioration of the condition of mankind.

The recital, in the communication referred to, of the objects held in common, leads us to believe that in the Organization of the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellowship may find a true ally in the increasing warfare urged by us against wrong, injustice, and degradation, and in our efforts to alleviate the miseries of a common humanity.

We, therefore, extend our thanks to the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Tennessee, for their courteous congratulations, and reciprocate the expression of their hopes for the continua-

tion of our mutual efforts to assist in the hastening of the desired era of good fellowship and universal Brotherhood.—*Journal,* 14,110.

A certified copy of the above was transmitted to E. B. Wise, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, and his acknowledgment of the document was duly received.

33. Your Special Committee appointed for the purpose of expressing the thanks of this Grand Body for courtesies extended during this session, submit the following:

Whereas, The present session of this Grand Body has been held among surroundings which have become sacred in American history; and

Whereas, The Hon. Peter Turney, Governor of the State of Tennessee; the Hon. Geo. W. Ochs, Mayor of Chattanooga, and the Odd Fellows and citizens have all joined in cordial reception and in generous offices to make our stay here both memorable and pleasant; and

Whereas, The Chattanooga Times, and other newspapers, with commendable enterprise, have published much valuable information concerning this Order, and have reported the results of our deliberations with fairness and dignity; and

Whereas, Distinguished consideration has been paid to all in attendance at this session by the Knights Templar, the Knights of Pythias, and Florence Rebekah Lodge, No. 32, of the City of Chattanooga; and

Whereas, The Grand Representatives and Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Tennessee, together with other members of the local committee, have by their elaborate arrangements, provided a series of most interesting pleasures, including visits to the Battlefields of Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain; therefore,

Resolved, That the warmest thanks of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be extended to all those who have assisted in making our present session pleasant and profitable;

Resolved, That we carry to our homes the kindliest recollections of the days spent here and will cherish the memories of friendships formed or renewed on these historic grounds.—*Journal,* 14,178.

A copy of the above, on Diploma blank, was sent to each of the parties named, and their acknowledgments are on file.

34. The year closed at this time has been one of unusual interest to our Order. The vigilant, careful, and wholly satisfactory administration of the retiring Grand Sire is deserving of the highest commendation. The pleasant, genial, modest and worthy qualities of which that most excellent official is possessed, invite more than passing consideration; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the most earnest thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby awarded to Past Grand Sire Cl. T. Campbell, for the loyalty, efficiency and untiring zeal he has displayed in the very successful administration of the office of Grand Sire during his term of office, which has just closed, and to which his successor has this day been installed; and this Grand Lodge hereby expresses the hope that the richest blessings of this life and the good will of his fellowmen will ever attend him during the remainder of his days, and that we may have him spared to us many years hereafter.—*Journal,* 14,202.

A copy of the above was prepared and forwarded with the following:

BALTIMORE, MD., February 27th, 1895.

DR. CL. T. CAMPBELL, *Past Grand Sire, London, Ontario, Canada:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—It affords me great pleasure to transmit to you an attested copy of the proceeding of the Sovereign Grand Lodge appreciative of your admirable administration of the office of Grand Sire from 1892 to 1894. I cannot add anything to what has been so well expressed by the author of the resolution, but I can and do say that I heartily endorse the sentiments it is my privilege to convey to you.

Truly and fraternally yours,

THEO. A. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

Bro. CAMPBELL replied as follows:

LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA, March 3, 1895.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F., Baltimore, Md.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I am in receipt of your kind letter accompanying the official vote of thanks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for which my most grateful acknowledgments are hereby tendered. With best wishes for yourself, I am, Fraternally,

CL. T. CAMPBELL.

35. October 8th, 1894, certified copies of the action as presented by the Committee on Appeals, were sent to the interested parties as follows: Dayton Lodge, No. 273, *vs.* Grand Lodge of Ohio; Peninsular Lodge, No. 5, *vs.* Grand Lodge of Michigan; E. R. SHIPLEY *vs.* Grand Lodge of Missouri; Cuyahoga Lodge, No. 22, *vs.* Grand Lodge of Ohio; S. G. KENDALL *vs.* Grand Lodge of Nevada; M. B. GWINN *vs.* Grand Lodge of Idaho; M. B. GWINN *vs.* Grand Lodge of Idaho (second appeal); GEORGE PASCOE *vs.* Grand Lodge of Montana; LOUIS BIEDERMAN *vs.* Grand Lodge of Iowa; S. B. CASTLE *vs.* Grand Lodge of Vermont; WILLIAM J. FAY *vs.* Grand Lodge of Colorado; J. B. CRAWFORD *vs.* Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; E. C. WANDER *vs.* Grand Lodge of Connecticut; GEORGE RICH *vs.* Grand Lodge of Alabama; A. S. ROWLAND, *vs.* Grand Lodge of Ontario; Elk Point Lodge, No. 4, *vs.* Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

36. October 8th, 1894, certified copies of the reports of the Committee on Constitutions were mailed to the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies interested.

37. October 27th, 1894, attested copies of the several reports of the Committee on Foreign Relations were forwarded to the Jurisdictions named in the reports.

38. November 8th, 1894, by direction of the Grand Sire, the Passwords for 1895 were sent to the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary of the Independent Grand Lodges of Australasia, German Empire, Denmark and Switzerland, and Commissions and Passwords to the following

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES FOR 1894-5:

1. Alberta, *North*—W. H. CUSHING, P. G..Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
2. Alberta, *South*—L. N. MCEWEN, P. G....Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.
   The latitude of the southern boundary of High river is the dividing line of the Jurisdiction of Alberta.
3. Arizona—N. A. MORFORD, P. G. Sec'y...Phoenix, Arizona.
4. Assiniboia, *West*—S. HAYWARD, P. G.... Medicine Hat, Assiniboia, Canada.
5. Assiniboia, *East*—JOHN TUCKER, P. G.. Moosomin, Assiniboia, Canada.
   Longitude 106° is the dividing line of Assiniboia.
6. Chile—JOHN JUNG, P. G..... P. O. Box 415, Valparaiso, Chile, South America.
7. Cuba—Rev. J. V. COVA, P. G .... Mision Bautista, Havana, Cuba.
8. France—L. LEFEBVRE, P. G..... 99 Rue du Lycee, Havre, France, Europe.
9. Indian Territory—WM. NOBLE, P. G., P. C. P..... South McAlester, Indian Territory.
10. Japan—E. V. THORN, P. G..... P. O. Box 33, Yokohama, Japan, Asia.
11. Mexico—Dr. A. W. PARSONS, P. G..... 18 Vergara St., Mexico City, Mexico.
12. Netherlands—I. T. PHILIPS, P. G..... Keizersgracht 685, Amsterdam, Holland, Europe.
13. Newfoundland—WM. BANNISTER, P. G.. Care of A. L. Michaels & Co., Water St., St. John's, Newfoundland.
14. New Mexico, *North*—JAS. T. NEWHALL, G. Secretary..... Santa Fe, New Mexico.
15. New Mexico, *South*—W. G. RITCH, P. G. M., P. C. P ..... Engle, New Mexico.
    The latitude of the northern boundary of Albuquerque is the dividing line of New Mexico.
16. Peru—F. L. CROSBY, P. G., P. C. P..... Casilla 203, Lima, Peru, South America.
17. Quebec—LYON SILVERMAN, P. G. M..... P. O. Box 1,699, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
18. Sandwich Islands—L. L. LAPIERRE, P. G., P. C. P..... Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.
19. Saskatchewan—JAS. CARROLL, P. G..... Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada.
20. South Carolina—R. C. STARR, G. Sec., P. G. Scribe..... ..... Charleston, South Carolina.
21. Sweden—WM. LAURENTZ, P. G ..... Regeringsgaten 32, Stockholm, Sweden, Europe.

Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe—HERMAN BLOCK, P. G. M., P. G. Rep., Pinneberg bei Hamburg, Germany, Europe.

CORRESPONDENCE.

There is no decrease in the correspondence of this office; in fact the number of letters increases day by day, and sometimes it is difficult to dispose of the communications as promptly as desired. Many questions that ought properly to be presented to a Grand Master, or Grand Patriarch, or that might easily be determined by a reference to the Digest, are sent to the Grand Secretary. To all, however, respectful replies have been made. The Grand Secretary does not make decisions, but when he can find a law applicable to the case submitted, he refers the party to the section of the Digest where the law may be found. All these matters require much time. A single question would, of course, demand little attention, but when questions come by the hundred, it is not difficult to conclude that much of the time of the Grand Secretary is required to prepare proper answers. Frequently information is asked that requires hours of patient search to obtain.

The accompanying extracts from the numerous letters received from Grand Secretaries, Grand Scribes and District Deputy Grand Sires, indicate the situation throughout the country. It is a matter of regret that in some Jurisdictions there has been little, if any progress, but the cause is apparent to all. As business affairs seem in better condition, it is believed that the year 1895 will be more prosperous for the Order, and the returns for the year will enable us to show a large increase in membership.

THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

ALABAMA.—With the Grand Lodge reports, received June 29th, showing a loss of 141 in Lodge and a gain of 16 in Rebekah membership, Bro. R. P. WHITMAN, Grand Secretary, wrote as follows:

"In forwarding to you my annual report, it gives me pleasure to be able to state that, with all the financial distress and strikes in our most populous section, the Order in the State has held its own, and starts out this year in both the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges with great encouragement. We expect to be able to report next year the largest increase and interest for several years."

From Bro. E. L. CAHALL, Grand Scribe, the Grand Encampment report, exhibiting a loss of 35 in membership, was received May 22d. In his letter of May 25th, he thus advised:

"I regret that our State again shows a slight decrease in number of Patriarchs, but the condition of business has its effect, and we feel it. We have made a gain of one Encampment of twenty-three members, this year, April 1st, at Tuscumbia, Ala., and there are bright prospects for another one at Riverside."

ALBERTA, CANADA.—There has been no increase, during the past year, in the number of Lodges in this District. From the reports received in January, February and March, there appears an aggregate membership of 300, a loss of 23. The Sovereign Grand Lodge, at the session of 1894, granted the petition of Mountain View Lodge, No. 4, at Fort McLeod, to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, provided said Grand Body gave its consent thereto. Lodges Nos. 2 and 6, at their request, are now under the same jurisdiction. No report has been received from Alberta Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, Calgary. The report of Alberta

Encampment, No. 1, exhibiting neither gain nor loss for the year, was received January 18th. The membership numbers 37. The District Deputy Grand Sire for Alberta, North, is Bro. W. H. Cushing, Calgary. There has been no change in the office of District Deputy Grand Sire for Alberta, South.

Arizona.—The Grand Lodge reports were received April 19th, from Bro. John J. Hill, Grand Secretary, and show a loss of 29 in Lodge and a gain of 4 in Rebekah membership.

The reports of the five Encampments in this Jurisdiction were received in January and April, and indicate a gain of 19 in membership. The aggregate membership is 111.

Arkansas.—The reports, exhibiting an increase of 89 in Lodge, 202 in Rebekah and 4 in Encampment membership, were received May 3d, from Bro. J. B. Friedheim, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment just about held their own during the past year. Hard times and general scarcity of money are the causes for no advancement in these branches. The Rebekah branch is prospering and increasing rapidly. We hope for better times and a large increase in all branches during the ensuing year."

Assiniboia, Canada.—Of the 7 Lodges in this District all but Medicine Hat, No. 3, at Medicine Hat, and Maple Creek, No. 5, at Maple Creek, are now under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Alameda, No. 7, Alameda, was instituted December 13th, 1894, by Bro. John Tucker, District Deputy Grand Sire for Assiniboia, East, and has been placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The reports of Medicine Hat, No. 3, and Maple Creek, No. 5, were received January 28th and June 22d, respectively, and show an aggregate membership of 84, an increase of 3 in these two Lodges.

British Columbia, Canada.—From Bro. Frederick Davey, Grand Secretary, the Grand Lodge reports, showing a gain of 861 in Lodge and 33 in Rebekah membership, were received April 26th. With the reports Bro. Davey furnished the following:

"I have much pleasure in transmitting herewith the annual reports for this Grand Lodge to the 31st of December last, both of Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges. You will observe that we show a marked improvement during the year, a gain of 9 Lodges and an increase in membership of 861, equal to 40 per cent. Since the first of January, 2 more Lodges have been organized. I think you will agree with me that, notwithstanding the hard times, which, I am sorry to say, we are also experiencing in this Province, Odd Fellowship has done remarkably well here. As our Grand Lodge does not meet this year until June, I am unable at this date to give the names of the Grand Lodge Officers for next year, but will forward them as soon as possible after election."

The Grand Encampment report, exhibiting an increase of 12 in membership, was received July 8th from Bro. J. B. Ballantyne, Grand Scribe.

California.—June 26th, the Grand Lodge reports were received from Bro. George T. Shaw, Grand Secretary. There appears a decrease of 56 in Lodge and an increase of 734 in Rebekah membership.

July 5th, the Grand Encampment report, showing a loss of 123 in membership, was received from Bro. William H. Barnes, Grand Scribe, who wrote as follows:

"I regret to have to report a slight loss, but I suppose it will be nothing new to you for the year named. Our present Grand Patriarch, George F. Roesch, of Stockton, is a young man, but an excellent worker, and is now visiting extensively his domain, and there are evidences of a good interest in the Patriarchal branch, and we trust soon to recuperate."

COLORADO.—With the Grand Lodge reports received April 5th, and exhibiting a loss of 583 in Lodge and a gain of 63 in Rebekah membership, Bro. H. C. McCREERY, Grand Secretary, transmitted the following:

"Enclosed I hand you reports of the Grand Lodge. I am sorry to have to admit that our Jurisdiction has sustained a small loss in membership during the last year. The real cause of which was the changing from a per cent. to a per capita tax. This has caused our Lodges to drop those who have been carried from year to year, although badly in arrears, which has caused our membership heretofore to be rather uncertain, but now we have a net membership and what we know to be reliable and actually in existence. The outlook for our Order is much brighter for the coming year than it was for the past. Already we have instituted three new Lodges and more to follow, while many of the old Lodges are gaining in membership."

From Bro. J. M. NORMAN, Grand Scribe, the Grand Encampment report, showing an increase of 86 in membership, was received June 11th, with the following:

"I enclose you herewith report of the Grand Encampment for the year ending December 31st, 1894. It affords me much pleasure to report an increase in membership, notwithstanding the financial depression through which our great State is passing. I confidently expect renewed prosperity in this branch of our Order, and the next report will show, not only a larger membership, but an increase in the number of Encampments."

CONNECTICUT.—The Grand Encampment report was received February 14th, the Rebekah report March 4th, and the Grand Lodge report April 2d. There appears a gain of 211 in Lodge, 367 in Rebekah, and a loss of 48 in Encampment membership. With the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment reports, Bro. FREDERICK BOTSFORD, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, thus wrote:

"When I commenced to make up the Grand Lodge report, it was with some doubt as to the results, but it is completed and shows, to my great satisfaction, a gain both in membership and funds. This is especially gratifying, when we consider the great prostration of business throughout the State. It is indisputable evidence to my mind of great reserve force in our grand old Order, sufficient to bear almost any strain that is likely to occur, so that we will show a great advance whenever the financial and industrial interests begin to improve. Never during my incumbency (now 26 years), have we failed to make a gain each year and, thanks to a kind overruling Providence, this year is not an exception."

"For the first time during my incumbency I send you a Grand Encampment report showing a loss in membership. We are doing all we can, but the times are against us."

DELAWARE.—With the Grand Lodge reports, received May 20th, showing a loss of 77 in Lodge and a gain of 1 in Rebekah membership, Bro. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Grand Secretary, furnished the following:

"After an unusual delay, I am enabled to forward the reports of this Jurisdiction, Grand Lodge and Degree of Rebekah, but they are not what I wish them to be. Adverse events will come upon associations, as well as individuals, and introduce depressing influences, that are hard to overcome. Our battle for the year has been uphill, and though not successful, we are not dismayed. We shall yet make a good record."

The Grand Encampment report was received April 11th, from Bro. EDWIN HIRST, Grand Scribe. An increase of 2 in membership is noted.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—June 5th, the Grand Lodge reports, exhibiting a gain of 6 in Lodge and 55 in Rebekah membership, were received from Bro. WILLIAM R. HUNT, Grand Secretary.

From Bro. SAMUEL E. BOYCE, Grand Scribe, the Grand Encampment report, showing a decrease in membership of 25, was received February 15th.

FLORIDA.—The Grand Lodge report was received April 24th, and the Rebekah report May 2d, from Bro. A. M. CUSHMAN, Grand Secretary. The gains in Lodge and Rebekah membership are 100 and 7, respectively.

May 31st, the Grand Encampment report, exhibiting an increase of 6 in membership, was received from Bro. B. A. MEGINNISS, Grand Scribe.

GEORGIA.—With the reports received May 27th, showing a loss of 417 in Lodge, 9 in Rebekah, and 170 in Encampment membership, Bro. JOHN G. DEITZ, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, transmitted the following:

"Herewith please find annual reports of Grand Lodge, Rebekah and Grand Encampment, which I very much regret to say, all show a loss in membership. The cause for this I can only attribute to the financial condition of the country. What the future will be is only conjecture, though I sincerely hope for the better. I have tried to give the receipts from all sources, as required, viz.: Rents, invested funds, etc. I find it very difficult from the fact that Subordinates do not make proper reports relative thereto. I report only an increase of one Subordinate Lodge. The lateness of report is owing to the same old cause, tardiness in receiving reports from Subordinates."

IDAHO. - The reports came to hand March 29th, April 5th and 11th, being the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment and Rebekah reports, respectively. There appears a loss of 62 in Lodge, a gain of 17 in Rebekah and 1 in Encampment membership. The reports were accompanied by the following, from Bro. A. K. STEUNENBERG, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.:

"It is with regret that I am compelled to register a loss all around, in numbers, receipts, relief paid, etc. Almost our entire loss has been for N. P. D., many a good Odd Fellow dropping from the rolls, not because he loved Odd Fellowship less, but because he loved his soupbone more. The average Western Odd Fellow will not allow his Lodge to carry him when he can no longer represent. Since the first of the year, however, reports are more encouraging and I think the Order is now again on the climb."

ILLINOIS.—With the Grand Lodge reports received June 19th, exhibiting an increase of 1,289 in Lodge and 2,663 in Rebekah membership, Bro. JAMES R. MILLER, Grand Secretary, thus advised:

"Enclosed please find annual reports for Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, which I think, after examination, you will conclude, are a good showing for our Jurisdiction. The statistics show a net gain of 1,289 members in the Subordinate Lodges, and a net gain of 2,663 members in the Rebekah Lodges. Warrants have been issued for 20 Subordinate and 44 Rebekah Lodges since the last session of the Grand Lodge. In view of the peculiar conditions that have for these periods stood in the way of the usual growth and prosperity of our financial and commercial interests, this growth in Odd Fellowship may be considered almost miraculous. No higher tribute could be paid to any class or organization of men and women than that, in the midst of stagnation in business and depreciation of values, the standard of loyalty to Fraternity, and duty to humanity had been raised to a higher plane of individual merit and aggregate usefulness. Let every Odd Fellow and Rebekah rejoice in the results of the past, and take courage in the possibilities of the future."

April 19th, the Grand Encampment report was received from Bro. ROBERT A. SMITH, Assistant Grand Scribe. A loss of 334 in membership is noted. In his letter of April 8th, Bro. SMITH wrote:

"Our loss for the year, in membership, is 334. The past year has been a very hard one for the Encampments, and I do not look for much improvement in this, although we have moved several dead Encampments to new

fields. Business, as you well know, is at a stand still, and that makes a great difference, at least with the Encampments."

INDIANA.—From Bro. B. F. FOSTER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, all the reports were received May 31st. There appears a gain in each branch as follows: In Lodge 707, in Rebekah 1,927 and in Encampment 123. With the reports Bro. FOSTER transmitted the following:

"Though somewhat late, I trust that the delay will be overlooked, as it was unavoidable, owing to the lateness in which many reports were received. When it is considered that the year 1894 was a disastrous one in the marts of business and industry, it is a marvel that our reports make so good a showing. We have a net gain of 707 in the Subordinate Lodges; 123 in the Subordinate Encampments, and 1,927 in the Rebekah branch of the Order. From present indications the outlook for the year 1895 is very flattering, and we trust that our anticipations of a large increase in membership will be fully realized."

INDIAN TERRITORY.—The Grand Lodge reports were received July 4th, from Bro. C. W. HATFIELD, Grand Secretary. We note a gain of 326 in Lodge and 39 in Rebekah membership. The aggregate Lodge membership is 1,344, and the Rebekah Lodges, at the end of the year were five in number. The following was received with the reports:

"Your postal card of a few days since received, informing me that the annual reports of our Grand Lodge for 1894, had not been received, was considerable of a surprise. I have made up reports and enclose them herewith, but from the fact that the records are deficient in more ways than one, you will find them incomplete, especially so the Rebekah, but I have done the best I could do with data at hand, trusting you will be but little inconvenienced by this delay, as I was entirely unaware that they had not been made up."

The reports of Encampments Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 were received in February, April and June, from Bro. WM. NOBLE, District Deputy Grand Sire. No report has as yet been received from Ardmore Encampment, No. 5. There appears a loss of 5 in membership for the year, the aggregate in the Encampments being 186.

IOWA.—The Grand Lodge report was received May 1st, the Rebekah and Grand Encampment reports May 7th, from Bro. J. C. KOONZ, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. There appears a gain of 1,875 in Lodge and 4,041 in Rebekah membership, while we note a loss of 78 in Encampment membership.

KANSAS.—From Bro. C. W. MAIN, Grand Secretary, the reports of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a loss of 488 in Lodge and a gain of 848 in Rebekah membership, were received June 24th.

The Grand Encampment report was received May 13th, from Bro. ED. T. REES, Grand Scribe. A loss of 404 in membership is noted.

KENTUCKY.—All the reports were received May 17th, from Bro. R. G. ELLIOTT, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and show an increase of 38 in Lodge, a loss of 51 Rebekah and a gain of 17 in Encampment membership.

LOUISIANA.—March 20th the Grand Lodge reports were received, and the Grand Encampment report April 2d, from Bro. F. GRIESHABER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. They exhibit a gain of 66 in Lodge, a loss of 14 in Rebekah and 14 in Encampment membership.

LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.—From Bro. J. C. P. FRAZEE, Grand Secretary, the Grand Lodge reports were received May 30th, and show an increase of 194 in Lodge and 40 in Rebekah membership. In his letter of May 28th, Bro. FRAZEE said:

"I am not able to report as large a gain in membership as in my last two reports, but still there is a gain, and in view of the business depression, I think the state of the Order in this Jurisdiction may be considered fairly

satisfactory. The reports show that nearly all the Lodges are in a healthy condition, and as business revives, which it seems likely to do, we may look for more rapid progress. Our gain in numbers would show somewhat larger, but that one Lodge instituted in December last, does not, of course, appear, I think the prospect for this year is fairly good, but does not indicate more than an average year."

MAINE.—The Grand Lodge reports, exhibiting a gain of 198 in Lodge and 555 in Rebekah membership, were received February 4th, from Bro. JOSHUA DAVIS, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"While the reports do not show as large a gain as we had hoped, still I can assure you that the Order in Maine to-day stands upon a firm and solid basis, both as regards membership and finances."

From Bro. BENJAMIN C. STONE, Grand Scribe, the Grand Encampment report was received May 16th. We note a loss of 6 in membership. The report was accompanied with the following:

"I have tried to get my report ready to forward in the time prescribed by law, but have been delayed by not getting correct returns from the Scribes of Subordinate Encampments. I shall forward in time to escape the penalty. As you will perceive last year was a hard year for the Encampment branch of the Order in this Jurisdiction, very little work being done and many Patriarchs dropping out, by failing to pay their dues. I know of no particular cause for this, but ascribe it to the general depression in business."

MANITOBA.—The Grand Lodge reports, showing a gain of 297 in Lodge and 103 in Rebekah membership, were received May 2d, from Bro. R. H. SHANKS, Grand Secretary.

With the report of the Grand Encampment, from Bro. D. E. MCKINNON, Grand Scribe, received March 18th, and showing a loss of 28 in membership, the following was transmitted:

"It shows a small decrease in membership, although the Order on the whole is advancing in our Jurisdiction, which is cause for congratulation, considering the financial crisis through which the country is passing. We confidently expect, that with returning prosperity, the Patriarchal branch of the Order in this Jurisdiction will flourish, and that the Patriarchs will always have as their watchword 'Onward.'"

MARITIME PROVINCES OF CANADA.—The Grand Encampment report, showing an increase of 49 in membership, was received May 30th, from Bro. J. C. P. FRAZEE, Grand Scribe, with the following:

"I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the Grand Encampment of the Maritime Provinces of Canada for the year 1894. This branch of the Order is making some progress, though not as much as could be desired. The stringency of the times, I think, affects the Encampments more than the Subordinate Lodges, as membership in the former is considered somewhat in the nature of a luxury not to be indulged in when times are hard. One new Encampment has been instituted the present year, and one or two others are being talked of."

MARYLAND.—With the reports received February 18th, showing a loss of 157 in Lodge, 13 in Encampment and a gain of 37 in Rebekah membership, the following came to hand from Bro. JOHN M. JONES, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe:

"You will perceive that we have suffered a loss during the year, which is attributable to the great depression of business and scarcity of funds, and from the present outlook, there does not seem to be any prospect for a better condition of affairs in the near future. Had it not been for the extraordinary lack of employment, I feel assured that we would have had an increase instead of a loss."

MASSACHUSETTS.—April 29th, the reports were received from Bro. J. LAWRENCE MARTIN, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. There appears an increase of 1,403 in Lodge, 1,371 in Rebekah and a decrease of 48 in Encampment membership. In his letter of April 29th, Bro. MARTIN thus advised:

"Our Subordinate Encampments, for the first time in many years, exhibit a decrease in the aggregate membership, the total number of members being 48 less than reported at the close of the preceding year. The Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges have gained in membership, the former 1,403 and the latter 1,371, a falling off of several hundred each, from the increase for 1893. Our tree has been retarded in growth by the drouth of hard times, we have cut off more dead wood and no new graft has been inserted in the Encampment branch. We await an 'Apple year,' and in the meantime will continue to carry on the work of the Order in every way to the best of our ability."

MICHIGAN.—From Bro. E. H. WHITNEY, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, the reports were received May 24th, exhibiting losses of 1,727 in Lodge, 90 in Encampment and a gain of 662 in Rebekah membership. With the reports the following came to hand:

"From having secured from every Subordinate Lodge and Subordinate Encampment a list of the names of every member in good standing on December 31st, 1894, I have found that errors have been creeping into their past reports so far that it forces an error in former reports from this office, to be made, to balance the errors in the aggregate by the Subordinate Lodges. I trust a like necessity may not again arise. For the first time in many years this Jurisdiction shows a loss in total membership, which arises from the fact of heavy suspensions for non-payment of dues as reported. This cause we feel is passing away, and the return of prosperity to the business world will restore to our Lodges the hopes of a brighter future record of progress."

MINNESOTA.—The Grand Lodge reports were received April 4th, and show a gain of 309 in Lodge and 684 in Rebekah membership. With the reports Bro. A. L. BOLTON, Grand Secretary, transmitted the following:

"While not showing the usual net gain of at least one thousand members, our report is satisfactory (to us at least), in all other respects. It is idle to refer to the wave of financial depression which engulfed the country last year, the result of which is known to every intelligent person. Many weak institutions were swallowed up, others with considerable strength suffered a severe blow, while the strongest had their strength put to the severest test. In addition to these embarrassments we have had to contend with an army of new organizations, all parading as 'fraternal' societies, with the insurance feature (at nominal cost), as the principal attraction; thus confounding our Order with *insurance* organizations pure and simple. I do not refer to responsible and honestly-conducted insurance societies, but to the 'mushroom' affairs, which spring up in a night, inveigle the unwary into paying a membership fee, and then disappear as suddenly as they came, leaving the fleeced individual nothing but bad impressions of all benevolent associations. Against the artifices of these unprincipled and loudly-paraded 'benevolent' concerns our Jurisdiction has not only held its ground, but shows substantial increase in membership, augmentation of revenues, greater accumulations of moneys and properties, and a larger number of new buildings erected and halls tenanted than during any year in its previous history. Old halls have been renovated and refurnished, and thus made more attractive for our 'family' gatherings, the attendance at which is better than the usual average. Interchange of social visits between Lodges is showing good results, stimulating enthusiasm, promoting

love for and zeal in the work, and demonstrating to the membership that in the fraternal element of Odd Fellowship will be found its richest blessings."

The Grand Encampment report, exhibiting a gain of 20 in membership, was received April 22d, from Bro. S. E. FERREE, Grand Scribe, who thus wrote:

"With the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues, the largest in the history of the Jurisdiction, we are gratified to note a net gain of 20 in membership for the past year. In many of the Encampments new life has been infused as is manifest by the number of admissions, general improvement in Degree work, and an increased number of public installations; while the number of dormant Encampments is no larger than usual. An inability to produce the wherewith for admission fees, is the only barrier that prevents our membership from multiplying with amazing results."

MISSISSIPPI.—From Bro. WALTER S. P. DOTY, Grand Secretary, the Grand Lodge report was received May 24th, and the Rebekah report May 29th. The membership increase in the Subordinate Lodges is 18 and in the Rebekah Lodges 30.

The Grand Encampment report, showing a gain of 3 in membership, was received April 27th, from Bro. ISAAC D. BLUMENTHAL, Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"You will see that we have held our own, regardless of the dullest times that ever existed. We have a slight gain in membership and are financially well fixed. Have instituted one healthy Encampment this year and another is in progress, so you will see we are in line and on the increase. From all the Subordinates come gratifying reports. I hope the worst is over; the increase since January 1st is marvelous. With a settled state of public affairs I have no fear for Odd Fellowship in Mississippi. Our fate is sealed, we are determined to rank second to none, that is, if nobility of purpose will continue to be appreciated."

MISSOURI.—The reports were received June 10th. The increase in membership appears as follows: 748 in the Lodge, 1,273 in the Rebekah and 10 in the Encampment membership, Bro. E. M. SLOAN, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, thus wrote:

"It has been a source of annoyanee to you as well as myself, that our Grand Lodge meets at a time which compels me to be behind on your calendar. Our Subordinate Lodges, in many instances, delay their reports and thus prevent my preparation of the statement required by the report to your office. As you will observe, Missouri has made the smallest gain in numbers that has occurred for many years, and it is also true that fewer Lodges have been organized than for at least two decades. It is, of course, fruitless to comment upon the cause of this, as the general cause is well known, and, no doubt, applies to other States as well. Depression of the industries, low wages, want of employment, and general derangement of the finances and uncertainty of the future are all effective in retarding the growth of our own, as well as other and kindred societies. But nothing should discourage those engaged in so noble a work as ours, as we know that nothing can permanently hinder the onward progress of this Order since the Divine blessing has heretofore rested upon its labor, and will continue to foster and nourish with the dews of His grace and God-appointed mission."

"Referring to the inclosed report from the Rebekah branch of our Order, you will see that, unlike the Subordinate branch, we have in this Jurisdiction enjoyed an unusual increase in Lodges and members. It would appear from results, that all the enthusiasm of our people has been confined to

this branch. This increase is not attributable to the new Code furnished by the Supreme Body, opening a wider field for the admission of members, because this feature of the new law was exceedingly unpopular in, I think, a majority of the Rebekah Lodges when first promulgated, and this strong and vigorous opposition has not entirely subsided yet, though rapidly yielding, as patient reflection has convinced many, heretofore opponents, that great benefit will result. We had most excellent officers for the Convention last year, and to their energy and zeal must be attributed the unusual growth and success shown in the report. The Convention just closed was the largest in our history. It adopted a well matured Code for the government of the Assembly in the future, and another year of prosperity is confidently expected."

"There is no excuse for the delay of the inclosed (Grand Encampment) report, except that habit has made it usual to send all reports from Missouri together, and this, I admit, should not control, and henceforward I hope will not. Our condition as a Patriarchal Order does not vary much from year to year, but we have done more by way of improvement from November, 1893, to November, 1894, than in any year for several in the past. This, being called by some the 'no utility' branch, has nevertheless done good work in the practical illustration of the tenets of the Order, and with restored business under settled finances, will assert itself as a valuable factor in the accomplishment of the true objects of Odd Fellowship."

MONTANA.—The Grand Lodge reports were received April 3d, and the Grand Encampment report April 13th, from Bro. A. J. WHITE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. We note a loss of 12 in Lodge, 78 in Rebekah and a gain of 6 in Encampment membership. In his letters of March 29th and April 8th, Bro. WHITE thus advised:

"You will see by the report of the Grand Lodge that it shows a loss of 12 from the report of one year ago. There have been 2 Lodges instituted since January 1st, 1895, one with 41 charter members, the other with 22 charter members, and several more in prospect, two of which will be instituted next month. The slump in silver was a hard blow on the silver mining camps. One Lodge of 87 members became defunct, and another with about 40 members. There is a general revival set in now in the agricultural district, so that we will show a good gain the coming year. The Rebekah branch shows a greater loss, 78 members, which is all confined to the Brothers. The Sisters make a gain of 23, the Brothers lose 101, caused principally by leaving the State. There have been 3 Rebekah Lodges instituted since January 1st, 1895, one with 33 charter members, one with 45 and the other with 46, which more than makes up the loss shown in the report. The Lodges that stood firm are in a good healthy condition, and will make a good showing in the next report."

"The Grand Encampment report shows a gain in membership of 6, instead of a loss as in the Subordinate and Rebekah branches of the Order. There was one Encampment instituted, one reinstated, and one became defunct. The one that became defunct was located in the same place in which the Subordinate Lodge and Rebekah Lodge became defunct."

NEBRASKA.—With reports received July 1st, and showing an increase of 184 in Lodge, 81 in Rebekah and a decrease of 42 in Encampment membership, Bro. I. P. GAGE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, transmitted the following:

"At last I send you Nebraska's reports with no further comment than this simple statement. They are choice, hand-picked articles, and show up well for the season. Another year, with careful cultivation, we expect a crop of Odd Fellow reports, of which any man could well be proud. The fruit ought to be earlier next year."

NEVADA.—The reports came to hand May 18th, from Bro. L. GUGGENHEIM, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. There appears a loss of 54 in Lodge, a gain of 25 in Rebekah and a loss of 42 in Encampment membership. With the reports the following was received:

"I regret to say that the progress of the Order in this Jurisdiction during the past few years has been anything but satisfactory, as the returns will again show a decrease of membership, which is attributable entirely to the continued depression of business. Many a good member has been deprived of employment, thereby making it impossible for him to pay his dues. Others were compelled to seek new fields and thereby lose their interest in the Order. In the Encampment branch we have instituted one new Encampment, but two have surrendered their Charters, and one is in a very feeble condition, not having sent returns as yet, but may recover. A change for the better, I hope, will soon take place, so that the next reports will be more flattering."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—July 1st, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment reports were received from Bro. JOSEPH KIDDER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and show an increase of membership as follows: Lodge, 256; Encampment, 11. Bro. KIDDER in his letter of June 28th wrote:

"I have great pleasure in reporting another satisfactory year in the history of Odd Fellowship in New Hampshire. In both the Lodge and Encampment branches we have made good gains in members, and the watchword with us still is 'go on.' I am sorry to be so late in making my returns, but will only say, it seemed through various circumstances to be almost unavoidable."

With the Rebekah report received July 10th, exhibiting an increase of 907 in membership, Bro. KIDDER thus advised:

"It has required a vast amount of labor and patience to put my Rebekah report in presentable condition, but with this labor this branch of our Order makes a good showing. I regret the delays but they were almost unavoidable."

NEW JERSEY.—With the reports received May 25th, from Bro. LEWIS PARKER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and showing a gain of 253 in Lodge, 7 in Rebekah, and a loss of 14 in Encampment membership, the following was transmitted:

"We have gained 253 members in Lodges, but lost 14 in the Encampments. In all other regards we are doing well. Our harmonious operations are as gratifying as heretofore, and our benevolent expenditures fully up to those of the past. We have in New Jersey one Odd Fellows' Home for aged members, located at Trenton. It is managed by Representatives from the Lodges composing the association and is incorporated according to law. It is not under the control of our Grand Lodge, and therefore no reports are filed in our office."

NEW MEXICO.—From Bro. JAMES T. NEWHALL, Grand Secretary, the Grand Lodge reports, exhibiting a loss of 30 in Lodge and a gain of 49 in Rebekah membership, were received May 4th with the following:

"I regret that we show a small loss in our membership, but it can be traced to the annihilation of our silver mining industry, and the reduction to the minimum of the employes in the machine shops, coal mines and operating lines of the railroads. However, we have not failed in our duty to the members of the Order."

NEW YORK.—The Grand Encampment report was received April 13th, the Grand Lodge report May 25th and the Rebekah report June 29th, from Bro. JOHN G. DEUBERT, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. The membership gains are: Lodge, 2938; Rebekah, 755; Encampment, 246.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The Grand Lodge report came to hand May 25th, and the Rebekah report June 20th. We note a gain of 58 in Lodge and 96 in Rebekah membership. With the reports Bro. B. H. WOODELL, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, furnished the following:

"Our report shows a very small gain, and if carefully pruned would show none at all, but we ought to be thankful it is no worse. We are hopeful of good results this year. The Grand Lodge has restored the office of Grand Lecturer, and has elected a young man of ability to fill the place, requiring all his time. We shall expect good results from his labors and a much better report next year."

June 24th, the Grand Encampment report exhibiting an increase of 51 in membership, was received from Bro. GEORGE L. TONNOFFSKI, Grand Scribe, who thus wrote:

"Regret that we cannot make a better showing and no doubt but what we could, if five of the Subordinates which have not as yet reported for last term of 1894 had done so. My report has been delayed on that account. The panic of last year struck us with cylonic effect, and I fear in my next report we will show it. I am sorry to say that with all the efforts of the Grand Patriarch and myself, we have been unable to create that enthusiasm in this branch of the Order as we so much hoped to do at the last session of the Grand Encampment. While our expectations have not been realized, yet it is gratifying to be able to say that, at present from what we hear, this branch in this Jurisdiction is in a healthy condition and with the revival of business more activity can be looked for."

NORTH DAKOTA.—From Bro. DON. MCDONALD, Grand Secretary, the Grand Lodge reports indicating gains as follows: Lodge, 124; Rebekah, 74, were received June 4th. With the reports Bro. MCDONALD thus advised:

"These reports show but little of the improvement that is actually making in this field. Since January 1st, we have established two Subordinate Lodges and three Rebekah Lodges, with prospects for a prosperous year before us. We find that our Order has been kept back because of the hard work being done by the organizations that have an insurance feature connected therewith, but we feel that as people more thoroughly understand us we will regain our ground."

OHIO.—The Grand Lodge reports, showing a gain of 99 in Lodge and 1521 in Rebekah membership, were received April 20th, from Bro. C. H. LYMAN, Grand Secretary.

From Bro. F. C. GARRETT, Grand Scribe, the Grand Encampment report came to hand June 26th, and exhibited a membership loss of 153.

OKLAHOMA.—The reports of the Grand Lodge were received July 1st, from Bro. J. M. CREAMER, Grand Secretary. We note an increase of 430 in Lodge and 209 in Rebekah membership.

The Grand Encampment report came to hand March 28th, from Bro. J. B. MAY, Grand Scribe. There appears a gain of 6 in membership.

ONTARIO, CANADA.—From Bro. J. B. KING, Grand Secretary, the Grand Lodge reports, showing a gain of 1,104 in Lodge and 457 in Rebekah membership, were received March 28th. With the report, Bro. KING furnishes the following:

"The accompanying reports indicate that the past year has been a most prosperous one, notwithstanding the prevailing depression in all lines of commercial business, and evidence that the principles of the Order are taking deep hold on its members; and the inevitable sequence follows—prosperity. The impetus given to the Order during the incumbency of Grand Sire CAMPBELL is still bearing fruit, and, without having to resort to any superficial means, the Order throughout the Province is steadily on the increase in numbers, in finances and in usefulness."

With the Grand Encampment report, received June 29th, from Bro. M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe, exhibiting an increase of 69 in membership, the following came to hand:

"The Encampment branch in this Jurisdiction continues to prosper. Our progress is not very rapid, but we appear to be on a substantial basis. We have always been able to report an increase in membership. Since our last session we have only instituted two new Encampments, but there appears to be new life infused into many localities that for years were in a dormant condition. I am a little late in getting my returns completed, but I trust it will not inconvenience you. Quite a few of my returns are not in for last December."

Oregon.—The reports were received June 29th, from Bro. E. E. Sharon, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. There appears a loss of 131 in Lodge, a gain of 314 in Rebekah, and a loss of 46 in Encampment membership. With the reports Bro. Sharon thus wrote:

"These reports I could not send sooner on account of delay in receiving reports from Subordinates. We have lost 131 in membership in Subordinate Lodges, 46 in Encampments, and gained 314 in Rebekah Lodges. The financial depression of the country has deeply affected Oregon during the past year, and it has only been by the most strenuous efforts of the Grand Officers that a number of Lodges and Encampments were saved from surrendering their Charters. It is now safe to say that we have reached the bottom and begun the ascent, and that future reports will show a gain."

Pennsylvania.—June 3d, the reports came to hand from Bro. James B. Nicholson, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. We note a membership loss of 1,031 in the Lodge, 901 in the Encampment and a gain of 696 in the Rebekah branch.

Quebec, Canada.—The Grand Lodge reports were received February 8th from Bro. Thomas J. Potter, Grand Secretary. The increase in Lodge membership was 194, and the Rebekah report, the first received, exhibits a membership of 369. With the reports Bro. Potter thus advised:

"It affords me great pleasure to report the institution of one Subordinate and two Rebekah Lodges, and an increased membership in this Jurisdiction. The outlook for the present year is very encouraging, as we have already instituted one Subordinate and two Rebekah Lodges and expect more to follow. Odd Fellowship here has now an official organ (*The Odd Fellows' Gazette*), a neat 16 page journal, which supplies a long felt want in the Province. The Subordinate Lodge instituted last year is working exclusively in the French language, and we look forward for favorable results from this new departure."

The Encampments in this Jurisdiction report to the Grand Encampment of Ontario, to which they were transferred at their own request.

Rhode Island.—From Bro. William H. T. Mosley, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, the Grand Lodge reports were received February 9th and the Grand Encampment report March 12th. We note a loss of 10 in Lodge and 61 in Encampment membership, while the Rebekah branch exhibits a gain of 52.

Saskatchewan, Canada.—Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 1, is the only Lodge in this District. Its report, showing a loss of 8 in membership, came to hand January 31st. The membership December 31st, 1894, was 29.

South Carolina.—The Grand Lodge report, received April 23d, from Bro. Robt. C. Starr, Grand Secretary, exhibits a loss of 16 in membership. The report of the Rebekah branch has not been received.

The reports of Encampments Nos. 6 and 9, came to hand July 11th and March 15th respectively, from Bro. Robt. C. Starr, District Deputy Grand Sire. The aggregate membership is 22, an increase of 3. These two are all

the Encampments in this Jurisdiction. February 4th, 1895, Bro. STARR wrote: "I have shipped per Express one bundle containing Charter, Seal and five Charge Books of the late Ridgely Encampment, No. 11, formerly located at Graniteville." The effects were received.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—With the reports of the Grand Lodge received April 26th, showing a gain of 80 in Lodge and 143 in Rebekah membership, Bro. HARVEY J. RICE, Grand Secretary, furnished the following:

"You will see by the reports that we have more than held our own during the continued hard times, which, in view of all the circumstances, is encouraging. The Rebekah branch is adding largely to the interest of the Subordinate Lodges. Since January 1st, we have instituted four Subordinate, and five Rebekah Lodges, and within the next two weeks will institute two more Rebekah Lodges, so you see the new year is starting out in a prosperous manner, and peace and harmony prevail throughout the entire Jurisdiction."

TENNESSEE.—June 7th the reports were received from Bro. J. R. HARWELL, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. We note a loss of 5 in Lodge, 6 in Encampment, and a gain of 250 in Rebekah membership. In his letter of June 5th, Bro. HARWELL thus wrote:

"It will be seen that the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments have about held their own, as respects membership, while the Rebekah Lodges show a gratifying increase. We think we have done well, everything considered. The Order in this Jurisdiction is on a better basis than it has been for many years, and, with the growing popularity of team work in all branches, and the healthful influence being exerted by our Rebekah Lodges, we confidently expect to be able to make a better showing hereafter."

TEXAS.—With the Grand Lodge reports received April 1st, exhibiting an increase of 637 in Lodge, and 500 in Rebekah membership, Bro. G. C. FAHM, Grand Secretary, thus advised:

"From these reports you will observe that the Order in this Jurisdiction prospered during the year 1894, notwithstanding the financial depression and stringency of money matters complained of. Both the Subordinate and Rebekah branches of the Order had a healthy growth in Lodges and membership. We are on the up-grade and hope for larger increase in Lodges and membership this year."

UTAH.—From Bro. W. J. MOORE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, the Grand Lodge reports were received June 26th, and the Grand Encampment report July 6th. We note the following losses in membership: Lodge, 231; Rebekah, 161; Encampment, 45.

VERMONT.—The Grand Lodge reports came to hand May 22d, from Bro. H. E. PARKER, Grand Secretary. There appears a gain of 248 in Lodge, and 254 in Rebekah membership.

May 8th, the Grand Encampment report, exhibiting an increase of 70 in membership, was received from Bro. CHAS. W. FARR, Grand Scribe.

VIRGINIA.—With the Grand Lodge report, received March 23d, showing a gain of 397 in membership, Bro. T. WILEY DAVIS, Grand Secretary, furnished the following:

"While the increase is less than for the year 1893, yet it is very gratifying, and, when it is remembered that business stagnation has prevailed over our entire country, we are truly grateful to report a gain of 13 new Lodges organized, and an increase of 397 members. The number dropped for nonpayment of dues has been very large, but unavoidable. The amount expended for relief is nearly 45 per cent. of the total receipts. We feel encouraged still, to labor for the good of Odd Fellowship."

The Grand Encampment report was received May 15th, from Bro. T. V. TURNEY, Grand Scribe. There appears an increase of 104 in membership.

WASHINGTON.—With the reports received May 20th, showing losses as follows: Lodge, 516; Rebekah, 133; Encampment, 160; Bro. LE F. A. SHAW, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, thus advised:

"These returns have been delayed on account of failure to receive reports of Subordinates. For the first time in the history of our Order in this State, the reports show a falling off in membership. I deplore the fact and sincerely trust that our next reports may demonstrate that we have regained our old-time vigor."

WEST VIRGINIA.—From Bro. ELLIS A. BILLINGSLEA, Grand Secretary, the Grand Lodge reports came to hand June 21st. We note a gain of 301 in Lodge and 83 in Rebekah membership. With the reports Bro. BILLINGSLEA thus wrote:

"You will see that we continue to grow in numbers, and the material added, I can assure you, is of the best."

The Grand Encampment report, exhibiting a loss of 32 in membership, was received May 8th, from Bro. H. A. UTHMAN, Grand Scribe, with the following:

"We have a small loss, but we have two new Encampments, from which no reports were due, which will more than cover our loss. Taking all things in consideration, we have done well, but hope still holds out for us."

WISCONSIN.—The Grand Lodge reports were received May 30th, from Bro. RICHARD HOE, Grand Secretary. Each branch shows an increase in membership, that of the Lodge being 151 and the Rebekah 453. In his letter of May 28th, Bro. HOE furnished the following:

"You will observe that we show a gain of 151 in the Subordinate and 453 in the Rebekah branch. Sorry I cannot report a larger increase. During the Grand Lodge year just closed, we have instituted 10 Subordinate and 20 Rebekah Lodges, a larger number than has been reported in any one year during the existence of the Order in this Jurisdiction, and our present condition is eminently satisfactory."

April 22d, the Grand Encampment report, exhibiting a membership loss of 15, was received from Bro. L. O. HOLMES, Grand Scribe.

WYOMING.—The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment reports were received May 27th, and the Rebekah report June 11th. We note an increase of 106 in Lodge, 113 in Rebekah and 10 in Encampment membership. Bro. LOUIS MILLER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, thus advised:

"You will observe that we have gained one new Lodge at Casper, Wyoming, which was instituted on March 8th, 1894, also have gained in membership 106, which makes us a total membership of 1,001, and entitles this Grand Lodge to 2 Representatives. Our gain in membership would have been much larger had it not been for the great strike on the Union Pacific Railroad during July, 1894, where hundreds lost their positions, which made the hardest time ever known in this part of the country, and, under these circumstances, we have done fairly well. We expect to add 2 new Lodges very shortly to our list, and from all reports received, our membership keeps increasing steadily with the large increasing immigration to this State. The Rebekah Lodges are doing very well. We have added one new Lodge and have an increase of 113 in membership. Since the new year we have instituted Coral Rebekah Lodge, which gives us 7 Rebekah Lodges in this Jurisdiction, with prospect of 2 more Lodges in the near future. The prospect for Odd Fellowship is very bright in this State. I regret to inform you that on March 13th, 1895, the Order in Laramie met with a very serious loss by fire, which destroyed one of the finest halls in the West, together with all our furniture, regalia and Lodge records."

"While we have had no increase in the number of Encampments, we have held our own. The membership has increased 10, since our last report. Owing to the hard times in this western country and to the greatest strike ever known, we have, considering everything, done remarkably well to hold our own. The prospect is brighter in the near future, and I hope our next annual report will show a much larger gain in membership, as we are having a large immigration in this State, and new Lodges and Encampments will be started."

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

With two or three exceptions, letters have been received from all the countries in which Odd Fellowship has been established. The progress has generally been satisfactory, though the depression in business still continues in many places and retards the advance of the Order. We must continue to hope for a favorable change in the business interests of the several nations where our flag floats, believing that, when prosperity is proclaimed, we shall find that Odd Fellowship keeps pace with the improved conditions.

A new Grand Body, the Grand Lodge of Sweden has been organized, and the institution of Colombo Lodge, No. 1, at Naples, Italy, has opened a new field for our labors.

The accompanying extracts from letters received, indicate the situation in the several countries:

AUSTRALASIA.—From Bro. J. C. SMITH, Grand Secretary, May 16th, 1895: "I am inclined to think that you are fast coming to the conclusion that I have fallen away a lot, as a correspondent, for I have been silent a very long time. All the Subordinate Grand Lodges in the Australasian Jurisdiction, have held their annual sessions, and New Zealand its biennial session; and although we shall show an aggregate loss of membership for the year 1894, there are cheering indications that our people are not neglecting any chances that may assist in a forward movement, as soon as the present unsatisfactory condition of trade passes away. A return to commercial prosperity is the one thing needed, but unfortunately, the prospects of such a desirable event are only a shade more encouraging than they were a year ago. I have mailed you two copies of the Revised Degree Ritual of Australasia. We have lately had amongst us Sister LINDA SALMON, of Columbia Rebekah Lodge, Portland, Oregon, and she has, by her enthusiasm and personal charm of manner, created a desire in Australasia to again take up the work of the Rebekah Degree. At Dunedin and Melbourne, Lodges have been established and efforts to do likewise are being put forth in Adelaide and Sydney. In about a week from date, I will be starting on a trip to Queensland, on business connected with the Lodges there, which are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and I shall probably be absent about a month. Owing to my not having received the complete returns from New Zealand, I am unable to forward, by this mail, the Australasian statistics for 1894, but I will arrange for them to be sent to you in time for your annual report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. In February last I visited the Grand Lodge of Tasmania whilst in session, and was much pleased at the enthusiasm shown, and the desire evinced to push ahead. There may be prospects of extending the Order in the little island of Tasmania, but unfortunately there are some things that are effectual bars to progress at present."

From Bro. J. C. SMITH, Grand Secretary, July 5th, 1895:

"Herewith I send you the annual statistics of Australasia, which I trust will reach you in time for inclusion in your annual report. You will observe that the report shows a further diminution of members, and I regret to say that we are still on the down hill grade, and likely to continue so

until a permanent trade revival takes place. It is thought that here in the colony of Victoria, we have touched the bottom, and that better times are within measurable distance. I need not say that we pray heartily for such a consummation. In order that we might pull up the lee way, we have been tacking during the last three or four years and trust to speedily forget the stormy weather that caused us so much anxiety. The New Zealand Jurisdiction keeps on slowly increasing its membership, and Tasmania has managed to hold its own, but the other three Jurisdictions are on the losing side. However, the financial position of the Order throughout Australasia, is a splendid one, and still continues to improve, notwithstanding the very heavy claims for such relief. Since writing you last, I have been to the colony of Queensland, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Victoria. The result of my visit has been to place the Lodges there on a somewhat improved footing, and the goal they are working for, viz.: A Grand Lodge of Queensland, may be reached before long. The Revised Journal of Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session 1894, came to hand by last mail, and, as usual, is very interesting reading and quite up to the high standard of excellence invariably attained. The Rebekah Degree seems likely to catch on, and I will shortly be wanting a further supply of Rituals which I will order with some other goods by next Vancouver mail. Our best wishes are wafted towards the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for a prosperous and harmonious session; and personally I cherish the hope that your health may continue equal to the heavy duties of your office, for many years to come."

From Brother JOHN BURCHELL, Grand Master of New Zealand, October 6th, 1894: "It is the intention of the Brothers of this Jurisdiction to present to Brothers WILLIAM REID, Grand Secretary, and JAMES S. ALEXANDER, Grand Treasurer, each a Veteran Jewel, at the forthcoming Grand Lodge session in March, and they have subscribed the necessary amount for that special purpose and placed it in my hands, desiring me to procure the jewels and present them. It is intended to surprise the two Brothers above mentioned. I believe these will be the first Veteran Jewels in New Zealand. I enclose P. O. O. for £11, in payment for two 14 karat Veteran Jewels, which please forward to above address by first return mail. Any difference can be adjusted by P. O. O. on either side. I present my fraternal greetings to yourself and Brothers of our Order generally." From Brother JOHN BURCHELL, Grand Master of New Zealand, December 29th, 1894: "The two Veteran Jewels duly to hand, also the correspondence *re* same. The jewels are greatly admired by those Brothers who have seen them, and, I have no doubt, will be greatly appreciated by the recipients. I note you will adjust balance, by early mail, after you have ascertained transit charges. *Re* Rebekah, I think I voice the sentiments of this Jurisdiction when I say that the extended powers given will be of great service here in extending the usefulness of this branch of our work, and we are highly pleased at the concession. I am also glad to know that the financial aspect has been faced by some of the States, as it is a very important feature in connection with the stability of any institution." April 20th, 1895, Brother BURCHELL wrote: "The extended privileges accorded to Rebekah Degree are highly appreciated and I think the result will be that the I. O. O. F. will make greater progress than heretofore."

From Brother JOHN WEBB, Grand Scribe of Grand Encampment of New South Wales, December 20th, 1894: "I am sorry that I cannot forward Grand Encampment Proceedings, as we in New South Wales are not yet strong enough to print our Proceedings."

From EDMUND MASON, "Registrar of Friendly Societies and Trade Unions," New Zealand, October 30th, 1894: "I shall take it as a favor if you will send me a copy of the last annual report of your society. I trust that my reports, which have been forwarded regularly, have reached you." He also wrote January 7th, 1895: "I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th, ultimo, intimating that you had mailed the Officers' Reports and Daily Journal of session at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and thank you for the documents duly received."

From Brother ALEXANDER SPENCE, Grand Scribe of Grand Encampment of New South Wales, April 15th, 1895: "I am very sorry to inform you that the Grand Encampment of New South Wales is not strong enough in *funds* or *members* to print Proceedings of session. We have had an up-hill fight to maintain the position we hold, as the leading lights of the Order are against us. Some thirty members of the Encampment have fought the battle for the last five years, and are now making slight headway. But you will understand what we had to contend against with the leading lights opposed to us. Perhaps, in the near future, we will have to *appeal* to the Grand Sire to assist us to *maintain* our *rights* as Patriarchs, against what we consider the violation of the Patriarchal laws. We will first try and obtain justice and our rights here, and if not, we must then take the alternative and apply to the Sovereign Grand Executive, where we feel we will receive our rights as *Odd Fellows* and *Patriarchs*."

The following statistics were furnished by Bro. JOHN C. SMITH, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Australasia:

GRAND LODGE OF AUSTRALASIA.

Returns for the year ending December 31st, 1894.

(The amounts came in pounds, shillings and pence, and are converted into dollars and cents.)

JURISDICTION.	Lodges.	Members.	Subordinate Lodge Funds.	Sick Pay for the Year.
Victoria	84	7,200	$276,257 33	$39,262 08
New South Wales	71	5,127	103,409 77	20,809 90
*South Australia	54	3,531	72,852 23	13,124 44
New Zealand	32	1,977	83,727 21	8,156 36
Tasmania	9	728	10,862 35	3,185 26
	250	18,563	$547,108 89	$84,538 04

*18 Juvenile Lodges with 596 members included in total.

JURISDICTION.	Funeral Claims.	BURIED.		Grand Lodge Funds.
		Members.	Wives.	
Victoria	$7,275 00	58	30	$194,202 08
New South Wales	5,750 00	29	27	71,431 42
South Australia	2,025 00	13	12	60,636 54
New Zealand	1,000 00	8	4	40,763 31
Tasmania	800 00	6	4	13,935 42
	$16,850 00	114	77	$380,968 77

Victoria, 1 Encampment, 30 members; New South Wales, 2 Encampments, 53 members; South Australia, 3 Encampments, 93 members; New Zealand, 1 Encampment, 23 members (under the Grand Lodge of Australasia)—Total, 199 members.

CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.—The returns from this once flourishing Jurisdiction are not encouraging. The reports of Lodges Nos. 2 and 11 were received May 3d. There appears a loss of 3 with an aggregate membership of 71. Germania Lodge, No. 4, surrendered its Charter, as will appear in the correspondence following:

From Bro. J. JUNG, District Deputy Grand Sire, November 26th, 1894: "The Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge came to hand, and I forwarded them to Pacific Lodge, No. 2. I am sorry to say that the Order in this country is not progressing on account of the political strife. I have not had answers from Germania Lodge, No. 4, to my letters, and I am afraid the Lodge does not hold any meetings whatever. I receive monthly communications from Concepcion Lodge. They are going along according to the laws of our Order, holding their meetings regularly, but with few initiations. Even Pacific, No. 2, the best Lodge, does not progress, for the reasons that several Brothers have left for Europe, and the most of the membership remaining are sea-going captains who cannot regularly attend. I hope that the Order may revive again." December 12th, 1894, Bro. JUNG wrote: "Yours of October 27th and November 7th came duly to hand. I am thankful to the Committee on Foreign Relations that they have duly understood the existing situation in South America. This country is not adapted to our grand and sublime Order. The members belonging to Pacific Lodge, No. 2, are mostly sea-faring captains, who, on that account, cannot assist at the regular meetings, and, therefore, the few that reside in Valparaiso, have to attend to all the business pertaining to the Lodge. Concepcion Lodge, No. 11, which I visited within the last six months, is the best and most attended, under the able administration of Bro. LOUIS HENDEL, Secretary. The members are principally Germans, English and Chilians, and the work is in the Spanish language. It is my belief that Concepcion Lodge, No. 11, has a great future." March 25th, 1895, Bro. JUNG wrote: "Inclosed I send you the annual reports of Pacific and Concepcion Lodges. Germania Lodge, No. 4, at Valdivia, has returned her Charter, on account of Brothers, members, emigrating to other parts and returning to Europe. They had to close for want of funds and assistance. Concepcion Lodge had also hard times the last year. They had to move to another hall, which they rented, with a nine years' lease, the expense being considerable from this, as from much sickness and several deaths during the year. Pacific Lodge has shown no great progress. The attending members are always the same, and the rest think that by paying their dues they do all that is required in Odd Fellowship. I hope that it may be my lot to give a better account of the progress of the Order in Chile."

CUBA.—The readers of the newspapers of the day need not be told of the political situation in this beautiful island. The complications have been serious, and it appears that "the end is not yet." That our Order and all kindred societies should suffer from the existing disturbances, is not a matter of surprise, but a foregone conclusion.

From Bro. J. V. COVA, District Deputy Grand Sire, August 30th, 1894: "I wrote to you some time ago, asking for some explanations on different subjects in connection with the application of the laws of our Order, and inasmuch as I have had no answer thereto, I now again trouble you for a reply. I should like to know also the proper ritualistic way of fitting up an Odd Fellows Hall. We have here no other places of meeting than Masonic rooms. but are now trying to have a place of our own, and desire to have it decorated and furnished in a proper Odd Fellows' style. I hope you have received by this time the report of the work of this Lodge (No. 7), for the past year, as well as the amended By-Laws. The membership increase during the past year was 41, with a proportional increased amount

in our treasury." October 30th, 1894, Bro. COVA wrote: "Yours of the 8th inst. to this Lodge was read at our last meeting, October 27th, and we are glad to see that the Sovereign Grand Lodge has approved our amended By-Laws. We hope you have sent them to Bro. VALDES, or will do it at once, so that we may print and distribute them among the Brethren. I have read in our Lodge some parts of your last report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which Bro. VALDES handed to me; many thanks for the insertion of my letters, which I never thought would be rewarded with such an honor. This Lodge (No. 7), is increasing every day in numbers, funds and good spirits. Persons of distinction have been added to its numbers, and these will attract others. I am in hopes, in the remainder of the year, for a considerable increase. Thus far, this year, we have initiated about 50." December 19th, 1894, Bro. COVA wrote: "I would like to have from you a precise answer to the two following questions, which have recently occurred in No. 7, and to which I was unable to give a definite solution, viz.: 1st. A member being without work for some time, becomes indebted to the Lodge for four months, and he applies to it, stating his unfortunate condition, requesting that his dues be not charged against him, so that he may not become twelve months in arrears and become liable to suspension. Has he the right to ask this, and may the Lodge grant his request? 2d. A member commits suicide, not being indebted to the Lodge at his death. Has he a right to funeral expenses, and his widow and children to the care and help of the Lodge? I pray for an early answer to these questions. Our Lodge is progressing in every direction. You will be pleased with our annual report." Bro. COVA, January 11th, 1895, wrote: "I am in receipt of your favor of the 3d inst., which has been read with great interest. I am satisfied with the opinions you give me on the questions asked. They will be adopted by our Lodge for future cases. Many thanks for them. Now as to our By-Laws, we never intended to have them printed in the States nor in English. We are going to print them here in Spanish. So you may keep the English translation for the Grand Lodge and send us, if you have it, the Spanish manuscript of the same. As to the Lodge at Cienfuegos, you can send, in your letter to Bro. VALDES, a request to instruct me as to the state of things regarding the proposed Lodge, and put me in communication with the members who have made, or will make, the application. I have heard the names of many good men mentioned in connection with the intended Lodge at Cienfuegos, and, as it is a commercial and very rich place, I think, if these Brethren are willing to work, they would have there a very strong Lodge. In a few days, you will receive orders for two dozen Diplomas." March 19th, 1895, Bro. COVA wrote: "Your recent letters have been received. On the 16th of this month, Bro. VALDES delivered to me what he had in his possession as District Deputy Grand Sire for Cuba, and I have begun to act as such. The A. T. P. W. has been given to the Lodges, and reports and certificates of service as Noble Grands have been distributed among them that they may fill them. They will be sent to you as soon as I receive them, also the money for the percentage. The Anniversary and Memorial Proclamations have been received and the Lodges urged to comply with the provisions thereof. I hear bad news from Cuba Lodge, No. 3. It is in distress from lack of money and from a reduced membership. Some of the members say they must cease work. I am making inquiries and will visit them this week, after which I shall send you a report as to its exact condition. Bro. VALDES is on good terms with me, of which I am very glad. Last Saturday, we attended the funeral of Bro. B. DIAZ, Noble Grand of Lodge No. 4. He died suddenly. He was a well loved Brother. As to the Lodge at Cienfuegos, I must have some information before writing to you on the matter. I enclose my certificate of service as Noble Grand for

the two terms of 1894." April 7th, 1895, Bro. Cova wrote: "Yours of March 23d was duly received. All the reports you ask for have been required from the Lodges and will be sent to you as soon as I receive them. That of No. 7 is in my possession, with the percentage due the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but I am waiting for the others in order to send you a general draft for the whole. Cuba Lodge, No. 3, stopped her meetings eleven months ago, but some of its members are now disposed to go on working in order to keep their Charter and effects, but I have required them to deliver them to me. What do you think of this? The other two Lodges, Havana No. 1 and Regla No. 6 are working regularly. I have visited them both and installed the officers. I gave to them the A. T. P. W. and Term P. W. You will soon appreciate their actual strength from an examination of their reports. Bro. Valdes sent me the cipher, a copy of the Digest and other papers, but some old papers from defunct Lodges he promised to send me in a few days. As to the percentage, I have read to the Lodges your observations as to the way of calculating it. On account of the revolution that has broken out in this island, the Governor-General has issued a decree prohibiting all secret societies from assembling, but we hope our Order is not to be regarded as a society of that kind. I have thought it proper and prudent to see the Governor and obtain from him an explanation of the matter regarding the I. O. O. F. Lodges. I will write to you as soon as I have a definite answer, and if it is adverse to us, I expect immediate instructions from you and the Grand Sire." April 9th, 1895, Bro. Cova wrote: "In accordance with my letter of April 7th, I am sorry to say that I have obtained no guarantee from the Governor of this Province by which the Lodges could meet without difficulty. The decree prohibiting secret societies from meeting during the actual period of revolution in the island is absolute." Bro. Cova, May 14th, 1895, wrote: "Yours, inclosing a letter from the Grand Sire, was received some days ago. I have waited some time before writing to you in the hope that Cuba Lodge, No. 3, would give a definite answer to the suggestion of the Grand Sire, which was: 'If Cuba, No. 3, will resume work *at once*, let her retain her Charter, books and papers but allow of no delay. If she does not, reclaim them.' Accordingly I required an explanation from the last Noble Grand of said Lodge, who said it was out of his power to continue work in the Lodge, as they had no money and were so reduced in membership that they were obliged to stop their work; that for a time he and others had thought of resuming, but desisted for the reasons mentioned, and the difficulty of obtaining the concerted action of the dispersed members. He then expressed his willingness to deliver the Charter, books, etc. of the Lodge, and assured me that he would send them to me that week. But as he did not send anything, although fifteen days had elapsed, I wrote to him reminding him of his offer, and to my great surprise he answered me, through my clerk, that he had changed his mind and was not disposed to deliver either the Charter or books of No. 3, until he should be paid a certain amount which, he says, the Lodge was indebted to him before the time of its closing. I leave his action to your judgment, and wait further instructions from the Grand Sire, to whom I pray you to send a copy of my letter. The governmental prohibition on Lodge meetings is yet in force." May 28th, 1895, Bro. Cova wrote: "I send you now the report of Regla Lodge, No. 6, and draft given by Bro. Valdes for $7.70 due to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. According to said Brother they have calculated at the rate of $11.00 per member initiated, including in said amount the cost of Degrees. In a short time I will send the reports and percentage of Lodges Nos. 4 and 7. This last I have, but not yet signed by every elected officer. I wrote to the Grand Sire some days ago, on the matter of Cuba, No. 3, but have received no answer, though I wrote to him through you." The mail of August 26th brought

the following from Bro. Cova, dated Havana, August 13th, 1895: "Please find enclosed report of Lodge No. 7, for 1894. The percentage for the S. G. Lodge has been calculated on total receipts, only dues excepted, which I will send you by draft accompanied by same from Havana, No. 4 and a rest due by Regla, No. 6. No. 4 has not yet given me her last report, though I have written almost every week to the Noble Grand asking for it. He has always answered that he would send it as soon as possible, but up to date he has not done it. Lodge No. 4 is in a poor condition, their number is very much reduced and they have no money to attend to the duties. My presumption is that this Lodge will stop in a short time. The political state of the island has injured all societies in a great measure, as many of the members have ceased to take any interest on account of the war. I sent to Lodge No. 6, the corrections you thought necessary to be made in the report, but it has not yet been returned to me with the required amendments, though I have written often asking the same. That Lodge is in a good condition, and though without a very great number, is performing all of the duties most satisfactorily. Cuba Lodge, No. 3, is quite dead and has refused to deliver to me the Charter and papers under pretence that they paid for them and they are their property. You must remember my last letter concerning this Lodge; No. 7 is quite encouraging. The membership is large and the treasury is of considerable importance. In general the war ravaging the country is hurting everything in it, and consequently our Bodies are suffering from the same cause. Many of the members are engaged in the struggle, some with the Government and some against it. The majority fails to pay on account of the great distress we are suffering because of the war. As meetings are prohibited, only a few of our members attend the weekly sessions and all this contributes to hurt the welfare of the Lodges and quench interest for them. But I hope when troubles are over, to have good news to report to you on the enlargement and prosperity of our work.

France, Europe.—The reports of the two Lodges in this Jurisdiction were received July 4th, from Bro. L. Lefebvre, District Deputy Grand Sire. Both Lodges are located in Havre. There was a membership loss of six in Concorde, No. 1, and of one in Fraternite, No. 2. The aggregate membership is 82. With the reports, Bro. Lefebvre furnished the following: "As you will see from the reports, we had initiations, but the number lost by non-payment of dues was greater. This resulted partly from the Brothers' negligence and partly from depression in business. Notwithstanding all these difficulties we are using every effort to make our Society prosperous and increase its numbers as much as possible."

Germany, Europe.—The letters from this Grand Jurisdiction have been few and not of special importance. It is believed that the Order is doing well, and that the presence of Bro. Herman Block, Special Deputy Grand Sire, has been of great benefit to the Jurisdiction. From Bro. F. Meyendorf, Grand Secretary, October 9th, 1894: "To-day I received the last part of the Daily Journal of this year's session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. I am finally in a position to send to you the statistics of the Order in Germany. The reports due here were extraordinarily late, July 1st, wherewith were several intricate questions, the answering of which prevented my sending the report sooner. I hope you will receive the same in time for the Revised Journal."

The information furnished will be found on pages 14,220, 14,221 Journal of 1894.

Bro. Herman Block, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, December 16th, 1894, thus wrote: "Your kind favor of 4th inst. reached me this morning. I had to leave New York at a time that did not suit me at all, the Hamburg line having altered all its sailing dates. Luckily we could cross the Atlantic on the heels of terrific storms, so while the voyage was

by no means fine, it was bearable. I have changed my post office address to 'Pinneberg bei Hamburg, Germany, in Holstein, per Hamburg, Germany,' but 'Pinneberg bei Hamburg, Germany,' is amply sufficient. Please direct all communications accordingly. I am in the centre of the German Lodges in the North, some five of them in easy reach, and I see much of them. Thanks for Commissions, which came before the letter. I have never received the bound Journals since Volume XIII., 1887–8. Kindly send me what volumes have been issued since then, and please also send the Revised Journal to me here." March 22d: "Under date of 12th inst. I instituted Columbo Lodge, No. 1, at Naples, with 21 members. I have to-day reported at length to the Grand Sire, and herewith hand you the papers I took with me, executed. The Grand Sire signed those made by Past Grand Sire CAMPBELL before I left Chattanooga. I have suggested to the Grand Sire to leave the new Lodge under me for the present. The address of the Noble Grand is Pregiato Signore L. SILVESTRO PROTA GIURLEO, Napoli, Italia, via San Mandato 4II. The members appear excellent men, of good standing in society. You may write them, or me if you wish. I inclose petition to be made Odd Fellows, Commssion to me to initiate, petition for Lodge and Commission to institute, all executed. As to the money question, I have reported to the Grand Sire. The new Lodge at Naples promises to be a good Lodge. Am confined to my chair by lameness in back." July 19th, 1895, Bro. BLOCK wrote: Your very kind favor of June 28th arrived here by slow steamer. It followed me to Sweden, and not finding me there, found me here on my return yesterday, after a long, tedious trip through rough seas. I thank you for your prompt action. The trip to Sweden takes nearly three days by the nearest steamer line and is expensive. I have felt unwilling to make extra charge for work in Italy, and with the trip to that country and the late one to Sweden have much more than exhausted the appropriation, so that I have paid my expenses in part, as I shall do for the balance of the year, out of my pocket, hence there was no error in sending me the entire amount. I shall set this matter out in my report. Surely I desire to see you all and participate in next session, but I cannot yet say whether I will realize enough to go, the trip costs about $1,000. Doubtless I shall be able to cash the Warrant at the Hamburg banks. I did communicate the A. T. P. W. to Signore PROTA GIURLEO, the N. G. of Colombo Lodge; I mean that for 1895. The V. G., Professore LUIGI RUSSO (whose address is Villa Robertella a San Giovanni a Teduccio presso Napoli, Italia) has been elected N. G. He is an able man. San Giovanni a Teduccio is a sort of suburb to Naples. He also has the A. T. P. W. I have just completed the institution of the Grand Lodge of Sweden as a Subordinate State Grand Lodge. I have worked at it since the beginning of the year. It was quite a lengthy session, for there were many considerably different opinions to harmonize. All is harmonious now. Inclosed you will find a formal report of my action. The Order is rapidly growing in Sweden and will soon cover that Kingdom." The mail of August 29th brought the following from Bro. MEYENDORF, dated August 15th, 1895: "I have just completed my report and I send you statistical information of the condition of the Order in Germany for the past two years. I am very glad that I am able to send you the statement this early, which will enable you to use the same at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The session of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire will be held in this city, this year, Sept. 2d. I sincerely hope that the work of the two Grand Lodges will result in an abundance of blessings to the Order. I would beg of you that, during the session, you will please convey my special regards to Bro. AUGUST GRASSMANN of New Jersey, with whom I became personally acquainted here. Your Journals of Proceedings reached me safely and I would be pleased to receive a copy of this year's Proceedings at your earliest convenience."

Condition of the Order under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, June 30th, 1895.

LODGES.

NAMES OF GRAND AND SUBORDINATE LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS.	NUMBER OF LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS.			INITIATED.			ADMITTED BY CARD.			REINSTATED.			WITHDRAWN BY CARD.			SUSPENDED.			EXPELLED.		
	Jan. 7, 1893.	Jan. 7, 1894.	June 30, '95.	1893-94.	1894-95.	Total.	1893-94.	1894-95.	Total.	1893-94.	1894-95.	Total.	1893-94.	1894-95.	Total.	1893-94.	1894-95.	Total.	1893-94.	1894-95.	Total.
District Grand Lodge of Brandenburg	22	22	23	201	182	383	13	22	35	1	4	5	81	85	166	55	51	106	3	2	5
" " " " Wurttemberg	13	13	15	63	79	142	2	48	50	.	....	....	24	69	93	7	4	11	2	2	4
" " " " Hannover	13	14	14	80	75	155	23	4	27	....	....	....	45	40	85	19	9	28	5	4	9
" " " " Saxony	4	4	4	23	26	49	2	3	5	....	....	....	9	5	14	4	....	4	....	....	....
" " " " Silesia-Posen	6	7	7	57	96	153	14	....	14	1	....	1	17	20	37	4	4	8	....	....	....
Westfalia Lodge, No. 1, Iserlohn	1	1	1	....	2	2	....	1	1	....	....	....	3	1	4	2	....	2	....	....	....
Rheinland Lodge, No. 1, Mulheim	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	2	2	4	....	..	....	....	....	....
Hohenzollern Lodge, No. 2, Dusseldorf	1	1	1	6	5	11		....	....	....	....	....	1	6	7	...	6	6	....	....	....
Mercator Lodge, No. 3, Duisburg	1	1	1	9	9	18	1	1	2	....	....	....	12	3	15	1	....	1	1	....	1
Herder Lodge, No. 1, Apolda	1	1	1	1	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	1	2	3	....	....	...
Kurfurst Friedrich Wilhelm Lodge, No. 1, Stettin	....	1	1	17	13	30	9	..	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
Totals	63	66	69	457	488	945	64	79	143	2	4	6	195	231	426	93	76	169	11	8	19

ENCAMPMENTS.

Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, Berlin	1	1	1	5	5	10	....	....	....	.	.	....	3	4	7	....	2	2	2	....	2
Thomas Wildey Encampment, No. 3, Charlottenburg	1	1	1	6	10	16	2	5	7	....		....	8	....	8	4	....	4	....	....	....
Mauritius Encampment, No. 1, Magdeburg	1	1	1	5	2	7	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	1	1
Uhland Encampment, No. 1, Stuttgart	1	1	1	1	....	1	....	....	.. .	....	1	1	1	1	2	....	.....	....	....	....	....
Columbus Encampment, No. 1, Munchen	1	1	1	15	1	16	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Copernicus Encampment, No. 1, Hannover	1	1	1	13	9	22	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	9	1	....	1	....	1	1
Holsten Encampment, No. 1, Altona	1	1	1	5	9	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	6	20	....	..	..	....	....	....
Hansa Encampment, No. 2, Hamburg	....	1	1	14	1	15	13	....	13	....	....	....	....	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ostsee Encampment, No. 3, Kiel	....	....	1	....	31	31	....	6	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Lessing Encampment, No. 1, Dresden	1	1	1	....	6	6	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....
Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Breslau	1	1	1	5	4	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....
Gutenberg Encampment, No. 1, Frankfort	1	1	1	4	6	10	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	.	....	....
Totals	10	11	12	73	84	157	15	12	27	....	1	1	26	24	50	7	2	9	2	2	4

Condition of the Order under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, June 30th, 1895.—Continued.

LODGES.

NAMES OF GRAND AND SUBORDINATE LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS.	DIED.			NUMBER OF MEMBERS.			PAID FOR RELIEF.			TOTAL RECEIPTS.		
	1893-94.	1894-95.	Total.	Jan. 7, 1893.	Jan. 7, 1894.	June 30, '95.	1893-'94.	1894-'95.	Total.	1893-'94.	1894-'95.	Total.
District Grand Lodge of Brandenburg	21	10	31	1407	1462	1522	$3,384 79	$3,738 10	$7,122 89	$18,357 21	$16,919 39	$35,276 60
" " " " Wurttemberg	16	8	24	707	723	767	1,375 53	1,558 23	2,933 76	9,032 76	8,713 73	17,746 49
" " " " Hannover	6	8	14	759	787	805	1,099 36	1,250 27	2,349 63	11,740 42	10,752 00	22.492 42
" " " " Saxony	8	1	9	282	286	309	328 44	288 30	616 74	2,981 57	3,084 82	6,066 39
" " " " Silesia-Posen	3	11	14	355	403	464	938 25	735 75	1,674 00	6,364 03	10,081 20	16,445 23
Westfalia Lodge, No. 1, Iserlohn	1	....	1	22	16	18	7 50	6 25	13 75	199 52	226 45	425 97
Rheinland Lodge, No. 1, Mulheim	....	1	1	28	26	23	.....	.....	.....	201 00	172 88	373 88
Hohenzollern Lodge, No. 2, Dusseldorf	....	....	...	23	28	21	.....	11 20	11 20	327 63	347 22	674 85
Mercator Lodge, No. 3, Duisburg	....	....	....	29	25	32	30 00	31 75	61 75	541 75	467 62	1,009 37
Herder Lodge, No. 1, Apolda	....	....		26	25	24	282 25	12 50	294 75	507 93	237 65	745 58
Kurfurst Friedrich Wilhelm Lodge, No. 1, Stettin	....	....	....	....	26	39	.....	.....	.....	526 00	548 25	1,074 25
Totals	55	39	94	3638	3807	4024	$7,446 12	$7,632 35	$15,078 47	$50,779 82	$51,551 21	$102,331 03

ENCAMPMENTS.

Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, Berlin	2	....	2	73	71	70	.....	$6 25	$6 25	$99 75	$112 75	$212 50
Thomas Wildey Encampment, No. 3, Charlottenburg	....	1	1	22	18	32	$6 25	.....	6 25	67 75	113 90	181 65
Mauritius Encampment, No. 1, Magdeburg	1	....	1	24	27	28	.....	.....	.....	58 50	42 91	101 41
Uhland Encampment, No. 1, Stuttgart	3	1	4	41	38	37	.....	.....	.....	45 50	35 50	81 00
Columbus Encampment, No. 1, Munchen	....	....	....	13	28	29	.....	.....	.....	98 50	37 13	135 63
Copernicus Encampment, No. 1, Hannover	....	....	....	67	79	78	20 00	8 75	28 75	130 62	80 95	211 57
Holsten Encampment, No. 1, Altona	....	....	....	49	40	43	.....	.....	.....	100 95	140 37	241 32
Hansa Encampment, No. 2, Hamburg	....	1	1	....	27	24	.....	.....	.....	85 00	97 80	182 80
Ostsee Encampment, No. 3, Kiel	....	....	....	....	....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 45	49 45
Lessing Encampment, No. 1, Dresden	3	....	3	50	46	52	6 25	.....	6 25	25 74	174 70	200 44
Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Breslau	1	3	4	47	51	52	.....	7 50	7 50	93 50	48 00	141 50
Gutenberg Encampment, No. 1, Frankfort	1	...	1	34	37	43	.....	.....	.....	59 00	59 75	118 75
Totals	11	6	17	420	462	525	$32 50	$22 50	$55 00	$864 81	$993 21	$1,858 02

ITALY, EUROPE.—Colombo Lodge, No. 1, was instituted at Naples, March 12th, 1895, by Bro. HERMAN BLOCK, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe. It started with a membership of 21. The Noble Grand recently elected is Professor LUIGI RUSSO, whose address is Villa Robertella a San Giovanni a Teduccio, near Naples, Italy. A report is not, as yet, due from the Lodge. For more specific information concerning Italy, see the letters of Bro. BLOCK, under "GERMANY, EUROPE."

JAPAN, ASIA.—The Report of Far East Lodge, No. 1, for the year 1894, has not been received, nor has any information concerning the condition of the Lodge been received from Bro. E. V. THORN, District Deputy Grand Sire of the Jurisdiction. From certain notices in newspapers of the Order, it is concluded that Far East Lodge, No. 1, is still in existence, but as reports for 1893 and 1894 have not been received, the Charter of the Body is in peril, as it is provided in Article XXVII., By-Laws: "The Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which fail to make their returns for one year, shall forfeit their Charters, and whenever such remission occurs, the Grand Sire shall take proper measures to enforce the law."

MEXICO.—There are three Lodges in this Jurisdiction, Reports were received July 10th from Lodges Nos. 1 and 5, showing a gain of 10 in the former and a loss of 15 in the latter. No report has been received from No. 2. The aggregate membership of the three Lodges (estimating that of No. 2 to be the same as in last report), is 120. The report of Hidalgo Encampment, No. 1, came to hand with the Lodge reports, and exhibits a membership of 9, a gain of 2 for the year. It will be seen that the Order does not progress in this Jurisdiction, and it seems unnecessary to repeat what has been so often said on this subject. Bro. A. W. PARSONS, District Deputy Grand Sire, on the 23d of November, 1894, wrote: "Your esteemed favors of the 27th of October are duly at hand. I enclose copy of letter received from Bro. DEGRESS, and will do everything in my power to further the interests of our Order in Mexico."

The letter from Bro. DEGRESS referred to above, is as follows: "Allow me to congratulate you on the appointment as District Deputy Grand Sire for this Republic, and I hope you will have better success with the Lodges forming this Jurisdiction than I have had. Enclosed please find the key of the I. O. O. F. I also remit to you a copy of the Digest and the Installation Book belonging to your office. I am sorry to say I have no letter-heads of the Order, but if you apply to the Grand Secretary, Bro. Ross, he will supply you. At the same time you ought to include in your requisition a request for blank annual reports, as there are none on hand. I have a few envelopes left, which I also enclose herewith. If I can be of any assistance to you, don't hesitate to call on me at any time." November 29th, 1894, Bro. PARSONS addressed as follows: "Referring to enclosure from Bro. DEGRESS, I will state that Camargo is near the United States border, and that duties and much express charges could be saved by having the effects of this defunct Lodge sent you direct from there by Bro. AUSTIN. This is merely a suggestion. I await your further orders. The letter from Bro. DEGRESS is as follows: 'I am just in receipt of a letter from Dr. A. J. J. AUSTIN, a Past Grand of the I. O. O. F., who was one of the charter members of Hidalgo Lodge, No. 4, at Camargo, Mexico. After the Lodge was instituted and the officers installed, we were unable to obtain a report or a reply to any of our letters sent to him. He now writes under date of November 16th, as follows: "Since four years I have not had the pleasure of writing to you, partly because I have been away from home the greater part of the time, and, also, because owing to political difficulties on this frontier, our little Lodge of I. O. O. F., sus-

pended work. Some of its members are still here and others are scattered. Please inform me what disposition I shall make of Charter, books, etc.' Under the circumstances it will be necessary for you, as District Deputy Grand Sire, to advise the Grand Secretary and ask for instructions." Bro. PARSONS was informed "that it will be advisable to have the Charter, books, etc., of Hidalgo Lodge, No. 4, sent from the most convenient point in Texas, direct to this office," but as yet they have not been received. February 27th, 1895, Bro. W. J. DEGRESS wrote as follows: "Your favor of January 24th was duly received some time ago. I returned yesterday from a trip to Cuernavaca, and feel a great deal better, and am ready for work again. I suppose Bro. PARSONS keeps you posted on Ridgely Lodge. They intended to have had a ball for the benefit of 'the Widows' and Orphans' Fund,' on February 14th, but on account of U. S. Minister GRAY'S death, the ball was postponed for one month, till March 14th, but as all arrangements had been made, hiring hall, supper, music, etc., they were compelled to expend $400 of the funds of the Lodge, with a very small prospect of a return, as Lent commences to-morrow. Referring to the Spanish translation of Encampment Ritual, no action was taken on the question, as your former letter plainly stated that the Sovereign Grand Lodge would not incur the expense. The Encampment is holding its own. The last year's report has been handed to Bro. PARSONS."

NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.—The reports of the three Lodges in this Jurisdistion were received January 29th, from Bro. I. T. PHILIPS, District Deputy Grand Sire. There appears a gain of 7 in the membership of No. 1, and 13 in No. 2. The report (the first), of No. 4 shows a membership of 34, making in the aggregate 171. A petition was received August 6th, from five Brothers holding Withdrawal Cards, for a Charter for Concordia Lodge, No. 5, at Amsterdam. The papers were sent August 7th, to I. T. PHILIPS, District Deputy Grand Sire. November 12th, 1894, Bro. PHILIPS wrote, "After a long silence, I now find time to correspond with you and answer your favor of the 17th of July. I thank you for the information about the bill of Bro. J. S. HEN. I informed him personally of the contents of your letter, but since then I have not seen him, and of course it was impossible to pay him the allowed amount. As soon as I shall have spoken to him on the subject I will inform you of the result thereof, and if it is your wish I will not pay him anything. I am very much obliged to you for the information concerning the transmission of the package for Ware Bataven Lodge, No. 4, from Baltimore to Amsterdam. I regret, very much, that the Sovereign Grand Lodge did not receive any part of the amount of charges paid. I very well understand that you cannot control the charges for transportation. I was not surprised to read in your letter that you found the amount that I paid *pretty high*. With regard to Prins Hendrik, the Brethren here have requested me to let them enter the Lodges of their choice, without a Withdrawal Card, and as Ancient Odd Fellows. They are Bros. J. S. VET, J. F. VAN HAMERSVELD and S. M. GOUILSMIT. You know that Bro. J. S. VET and I, up to the present time, have paid amounts equivalent to the dues required in Prins Hendrik Lodge, to Paradise Lodge, No. 1, from the date of the last meeting held by Prins Hendrik Lodge. The same is the case of Bro, GOUILSMIT. Would it not, therefore, be proper to let these Brothers enter the several Lodges of their choice as Ancient Odd Fellows, without Withdrawal Cards from Prins Hendrik Lodge, which they are unable to obtain? I have received from Paradise Lodge $1.50 for the purpose described in the herewith enclosed circular. To-morrow I will transmit to you per P. O. Order this amount. Please be kind enough to forward it to one of the persons who have signed the circular. I have received the Proceedings of the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the information about our new Grand Sire,

also the laws relating to Rebekah Lodges and Patriarchs Militant." November 13th, 1894, Bro. PHILIPS wrote: "This morning I sent to you the $1.50 for Paradise Lodge, of which I wrote to you yesterday. There is another matter concerning which I shall be pleased to be advised by you. Paradise Lodge desires to give Certificates in the Dutch language. Your language is generally unknown in our country. As to this, there appears to be difficulty, but they desire to do it in a form which, perhaps, will be in violation of the law. They wish to have on the margin of the Withdrawal and Visiting Cards the words: 'We command you to visit the sick,' etc., the links, the bible, the ark, the colors, etc. I refused permission, as I am of the opinion that these are matters under control of your Grand Body. But in Section 1745 of the Digest, page 448, I find noted that the Grand Lodge does not desire to prohibit the publication and circulation of charts containing emblems of the Order until published by it, so long as they contain no certificate or form requiring the signature of an officer *of any Lodge or Encampment Grand or Subordinate.* Now I ask if it is allowed to print such charts in the Dutch language without signature of an officer, or is it necessary to have the permission of your Body. Please be kind enough to inform me concerning this. We are considering the subject of becoming incorporated so that the Lodges will be able to contract, etc. The Brethren are also considering the subject of purchasing or erecting a building of their own, and are taking steps in the matter. We are also occupied with the extension of our Order, and hold propaganda sessions, non-Odd Fellows being admitted, where the principles of our Order are considered and discussed. As a result, 7 will be initiated to-morrow evening in Ware Bataven Lodge. We are doing here our best." November 23d, 1894, Bro. PHILIPS advised: "I have the honor to inform you of the receipt of the A. T. P. W. and my Commission as District Deputy Grand Sire. Your letter of October 27th, 1894, is also in my possession, and it is with pleasure that I notice the Committee on Foreign Relations have found out that our Order is growing here. I, for some time, hoped that your Body would notice this prosperity, and now I find it very pleasant that the said committee voluntarily discovered this amelioration. There is however, something equivocal in their report. Of course the word '*originally*' can refer to the '*origin*' or '*birth*' of the members and its signification can be also 'the time of institution of the Lodge.' Which, in your opinion, is the sense intended? The words referred to in their report are as follows: 'They are gratified to hear from the Special Deputy, Brother BLOCK, that the newly instituted Lodge is composed of the very best material, the other two Lodges, *originally*, being chiefly composed of one class of the people.' Please be kind enough to furnish me the meaning of these words. For the benefit of the three Lodges I have made each a separate set of By-Laws, which are now under consideration. The Lodges have been laboring over this matter for a long time, but now I hope to be able to soon send them to you for the approval of your Body. I am doing everything possible to bring our Order to the public notice, and for its growth in the Netherlands, and hope that my efforts in this regard will have the desired success. There is some talk of instituting a new Lodge at Ameersfoort. This is still uncertain, as the subject has been under consideration but a week, but it shows our zeal. Perhaps you will hear more on this subject." January 18th, 1895, Bro. PHILIPS wrote: "I duly received your favor, containing your answer to my former letter and also the Withdrawal and Visiting Cards for the three Lodges here. I thank you for your kindness in sending them, notwithstanding the respective Secretaries had not ordered them. Enclosed you will find the reports of Paradise, Mount Sinai and Ware Bataven Lodges. I

desire to call your attention to the fact that the Lodges have not inserted in the reports the amounts received under the item: 'Rents and invested funds.' They do not know the signification of that expression. They have filled in the dues, the profit on the Lodge Fund, and that of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, but they believe that the expression 'Rents and invested funds' must have another signification which they do not know. Please be kind enough to inform me in French or German, what must be understood by the expression 'invested.' If the Lodges are required to pay anything additional, they are ready to pay it me for your Body. The officers of the three Lodges have been installed. The total amount due your Body, according to the reports of the the three Lodges, is $55.61. Adding to this amount the bill for the Visiting and Withdrawal Cards the total is $78.11. I will try, according to your wish, to make a final report concerning Prins Hendrik Lodge. There now exists here an organ in the interest of our Order, and, as I am informed, you have received the first number of it. Please be kind enough to send me the Ritual and everything relative to the Encampment branch of the Order. I am requested to ask this of you, as it is the intention here to have an Encampment. It will be necessary in the first place, that I know the rules, etc. You can be sure that I will keep secret the same as long as there is no Encampment. We have an increase of membership for the year, of 54. The Brethren are endeavoring to make the membership of each of the Lodges 100 by the end of the present term. Bro. Block, as he writes, intends to visit Amsterdam next month. We will receive him here with the same pleasure we did two years ago, and hope that his visit on this occasion will be as profitable to the Order as it was the former time. With him I will talk over the matter of the printed certificates of which I wrote to you, and I will read to him your remarks on the matter." January 30th, 1895, Bro. Philips wrote: "I herewith send to you the last report of Prins Hendrik Lodge No. 3, for 1891. All the Brethren who dwell in Zutphen have paid their dues as indicated in the enclosed statement, so also have the Brethren who reside in Amsterdam. Since December 1st, 1891, the Lodge held no meetings and since that time the Zutphen Brethren, generally have paid no dues. Please send me the Withdrawal Cards for Bros. Van Hamersveld, J. S. Vet, S. M. Gouilsmit, and myself, and inform me if you have any other intentions in view. All these Brothers will at once enter the respective Lodges of their choice." Number 1, of "*De Odd Fellow*" January 1st 1895, a twelve page, neatly printed quarterly, was received with a letter from Bro. A. B. De Matha, the editor, as follows: "Today I send you a New Year's greeting. I mailed to your address ten copies of the first number ever issued of the first Odd Fellows' paper in Holland. The text is partly in German. Our District Deputy Grand Sire endorses it. The Lodges have given their authorization that it shall be the official organ, but the paper is a personal business among four Brothers, of whom Past District Deputy Grand Sire Hen has the supervision and I, myself a journalist for twenty years, but not yet two years a member of Paradise Lodge No. 1, am the editor. We hope that the paper will serve to extend our beloved Order. Of course it was our duty to offer you a copy and would willingly do the same to other gentlemen, but we do not know their addresses. I beg to repeat that the text is in the Dutch and German languages, and as there are many German gentlemen in America connected with the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or, in general with the Order, it is possible they would subscribe, or, if they are in commercial relations with Europe, would use the advertising department. Many of the German Lodges have already become subscribers. We are glad at receiving such acts of brotherly kindness, and crave the same from our dear American Brothers. We would be obliged to you for anything done in our

behalf. Thanks for your influence, and, if perhaps its use could not be a material one, we very kindly ask your moral support in order to secure us correspondence from or about American Lodges. The 'about' could be by means of good papers. We only receive the *Fuehrer*, a German paper of New York."

August 6th, 1895, a lengthy letter with petition, Cards and fee for Concordia Lodge No. 5, was received from Bro. PHILIPS, and the Charter, books etc. were promptly forwarded to Amsterdam.

PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.—From Bro. F. L. CROSBY, District Deputy Grand Sire, the reports of Lodges Nos. 1 and 4 were received February 13th. The membership of Lodge No. 1 is 32 and that of No. 4, 22, showing losses of 11 and 2 respectively.

In letter of September 17th, 1894, Bro. CROSBY wrote: "Your esteemed favor of August 7th reached me on 10th inst., and contents were perused with much interest. I answer same to-day, to repeat the old story from this Jurisdiction. Both Lodges are barely alive and miss many meetings. If we were in bad condition before, we are now a thousand times worse, with the country all upset with the existing revolution, with no new members coming in and the old ones falling out. The result is sure and I fear will not tarry long. A few good ones have done all in their power, but their efforts have only delayed the final result." January 15th, 1895, he wrote: "Please find enclosed the annual reports for Lodges Nos. 1 and 4, which, I trust, may be in order. I can only say to you that both Lodges are just alive and with no immediate prospect of improvement. Both Lodges have taken advantage of the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and will not remit any dues."

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—The reports of Excelsior Lodge No. 1, Harmony Lodge No. 3, Pacific Rebekah Lodge No. 1, and Polynesia Encampment No. 1, the four Bodies at work in this Jurisdiction, were received February 12th. We note a gain of 13 in Rebekah, a loss of 4 in Lodge, and of 2 in Encampment membership. The Lodge membership numbers 175, the Rebekah 37, and the Encampment 37. August 8th, 1895, a petition was received for a Charter for Mauna Kea Lodge, No. 4, to be located at Hilo, in the island of Hawaii. The papers were sent August 12th to Bro. L. L. LAPIERRE, District Deputy Grand Sire.

Bro. C. J. FISHEL, then District Deputy Grand Sire, September 1st, 1894, wrote: "I enclose my resignation as District Deputy Grand Sire for this Jurisdiction. Kindly hand the same to the Grand Sire. I am not feeling well again, I am able to be about and that is about all. I would take this opportunity of thanking you for all your kindness and courtesy to me during my term of office as District Deputy Grand Sire." October 9th, 1894, Bro. FISHEL wrote: "I have received the advance sheets and must confess that I feel very proud to think that you have given me nearly three whole pages in your Journal. Please accept my thanks. I assure you that I am ever ready to do all that lies in my power to advance and promote Odd Fellowship in this country. I do not wish to say that I have done more than any of my predecessors, but one thing I must say, and that is, Odd Fellowship must be pushed and looked after continually, and that work, as a rule, depends on the District Deputy Grand Sire, but I feel it my duty to walk in the same path whether holding the honorable position or not. That duty I consider is binding on any Odd Fellow. In leaving my honorable position, you may believe me, I shall ever be faithful and zealous in the discharge of my duty, and shall always be ready to assist our worthy successors. I feel proud of having had the honor to serve the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as it reflects honor upon me, for which I feel very grateful. I am exceedingly pleased at being able to make such a good report of our

Rebekah Lodge. We have a properly formed Degree team. They work like a charm and are a credit to this Jurisdiction. Last meeting night we initiated four candidates and the work was perfect. The attendance was thirty, which was very good, considering that there were other attractions that night. The Degree team will do much to keep alive the interest of our meetings and is attracting much attention. I would kindly ask you to send me one Floor Work Installation Book. I spoke of it the other night in the Lodge and promised to get one. I wrote to you some time ago about starting a new Lodge in the island of Maui. I am earnestly working with some Brothers on the island of Hawaii to start a Lodge there. I am sure that by the next out going mail, I shall be able to apply for a Charter for an I. O. O. F. Lodge in Hawaii. This is a very lazy climate. All it requires is to make a start, and we are all in it." November 20, 1894, he wrote: "Both Lodges here are at work. Harmony and Excelsior Lodges initiated two members each, within three weeks. Prospects are good. Hilo Lodge will soon be a real fact, as it seems to be the talk of the city. Good material will constitute the new Lodge. We have at present a great many visiting Odd Fellows, which makes our meetings interesting, and we have a chance to hear what our Brothers across the Pacific are doing." January 29th, 1895, he wrote: "I have introduced the new Deputy in Harmony and Excelsior Lodges, and assisted partly in the installations. I have also installed the officers of Pacific Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, and take great pleasure in enclosing you the report for 1894. I am very proud of this branch of the Order. The Sisters are very enthusiastic in their work, and will accomplish a great deal. The officers are of the best material in the Lodge, and we certainly have a big future before us. An increase of fourteen members for a place like Honolulu is not bad. Last Monday evening Harmony Lodge initiated and conferred the Degrees on Brother Williams, from Hilo. Brother Williams makes the fifth member for the new Hilo Lodge, and the Brothers are now ready to apply for a Charter through the proper channels. No doubt our new Deputy will give you full particulars in his letter to you. The Charter will be applied for by five members, and, on the night of the initiation, twenty-one applicants have pledged themselves for initiation. From all appearances it will be a great success. Merchants, doctors, planters, etc., are in the move. This addition will be a great credit to our beloved Order. On account of this revolution, which you have no doubt read about, our installations have been postponed from time to time. I take this opportunity of thanking you for the kind manner in which you have treated me during my term of office, and assure you that you and Brother Campbell, P. G. Sire, have a warm spot in my heart. I shall join once more the ranks of the privates, and assure you I will take the same interest in our Order as I have heretofore. If at any time I can be of any service to you, I shall be too glad to do all I can for you." Brother Fishel was specially commissioned to install the officers of Pacific Rebekah Lodge, etc., and April 25th, 1895, wrote as follows: "At the last regular meeting of Pacific Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, I notified it of my intention of resigning my office as the Representative of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and urged them to hand me their nomination of my successor, which resulted in the unanimous choice of Sister E. Petrie, P. N. G. I wish you would relieve me of my responsibility by sending a Commission to Sister E. Petrie. She is worthy of it, and you will have no reason to regret her appointment. Brother L. L. La Pierre, District Deputy Grand Sire, is not a member of the Rebekah Degree, and the Sisters feel that they should have a Representative as well as the Subordinate Lodges. The Rebekah Lodge is getting along very nicely. We have a very good lot of members, full of energy and push, and good prospects ahead of us. We have moved to Harmony Hall, where we

have better quarters and more liberty. We celebrated our seventh anniversary last month by giving a literary entertainment, followed by a dance, at Harmony Hall, which was quite largely attended." Brother L. L. La Pierre, District Deputy Grand Sire, November 22d, 1894, wrote: "Yours of 2d inst., received within the last hour, and as a sailing vessel leaves here for California within the next hour, I hasten to reply. I do not belong to the Rebekah Lodge. As Brother M. D. Montserratt was District Deputy Grand Sire for two years and did not hold membership therein, I was not aware that membership in the Rebekah Lodge was a requisite qualification for the office of District Deputy Grand Sire. I have been urged to join the Rebekah Lodge, but have all I can keep up in the Subordinate, Encampment and G. A. R. Post." November 30th, 1894, he wrote: "Your letter of November 2d, reached me 22d inst. The latest law I find on the subject of qualifications for a District Deputy Grand Sire is in Digest of 1889, Section 852, Paragraph 8. I am a Past Grand and Past Chief Patriarch, and hold certificates signed by the Grand Sires, authorizing me to receive the proper Degrees. I never joined the Rebekah Lodge, as my time is so much taken up that it would be impossible to be a good attending and live member, as I usually intend to be in any organization to which I may belong. I am closing my seventh year as Secretary of Excelsior Lodge, my fifth year as Scribe of Polynesia Encampment, and my first year as Adjutant in a G. A. R. Post. I also hold a Sergeant's Warrant in a company of sharpshooters, and hold two Commissions under the government for my daily bread. Between my daily labors and attending meetings in the different organizations, and shooting matches, my time is pretty closely figured up. I was the unanimous choice of Polynesia Encampment, Excelsior Lodge and Harmony Lodge, and was told it was the same in Pacific Rebekah Lodge, for the office of District Deputy Grand Sire. I never sought the office, but the office sought me. I was asked if I would accept the nomination, and replied that I would, and, if appointed, would do the best I could." January 29th, 1895, he wrote: "Your favor of December 22d, also of January 3d, accompanied by a Commission for me as District Deputy Grand Sire, came duly to hand January 19th. Hope you will kindly accept my sincere thanks for all. I expect you are aware by this time that we had a little war down here, and, of course, our Lodges have been neglected. The city was placed under martial law, on the 7th of this month, and is still in that condition. Brother Fishel, Past District Deputy Grand Sire, introduced me in Harmony Lodge last evening as his successor. I proceeded to install the officers, after which they had an initiation, and conferred the three Degrees on two candidates. I expect to install Excelsior Lodge officers to-night so as to be able to remit to you by steamer leaving here to-morrow. The officers of Polynesia Encampment were installed before the war, as we call it now, and Bro. Fishel has installed the officers of Pacific Rebekah Lodge. We have to apologize for the delay, but hope that our apology will be accepted, owing to the extenuating circumstances. Harmony Lodge held no meetings for three weeks, Excelsior held none for two weeks. All the boys were off to the war, or doing guard duty in town. I left my home and family on the eve of the 6th, and returned on the eve of the 16th. Excelsior Lodge officers were installed last evening, January 30th. February 6th, 1895, Bro. La Pierre wrote: "Please to convey my hearty thanks to Grand Sire Stebbins, for sending me a Commission as his District Deputy Grand Sire for this Jurisdiction, also to say to him that I am trying to comply with his wishes, and that I shall use my utmost endeavors to merit the honor he has seen fit to bestow upon me. I wish, also, to extend my grateful thanks to you for your interest in the case. Excelsior Lodge has requested me to procure four new Rituals and one dozen Visiting Cards.

The city is still under martial law, and it is a little embarrassing for Lodge meetings. I trust we may get the new laws soon, as I think we are somewhat behind the times. Brothers from Lodges in California come here and talk about getting transfers, and we know nothing about such laws here." February 7th, 1895, he wrote: "I would like to ask a few questions, viz.: Are there any prepared blank forms for applications for Charter for a Subordinate Lodge? If so, will you please forward one. If a member of our Order, in good standing, is tried, convicted and hung for violating the laws of his country, is his family entitled to funeral benefits? According to the latest law we have, Article XIV., Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the fee for a Charter for a Subordinate Lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is $30.00. Is this correct?" February 8th, 1895: "Harmony Lodge had an initiation on Monday the 18th. Excelsior Lodge is expending about a thousand dollars in improving her Lodge room. We have stripped the Lodge room clean and bare, and are to fit it up with everything new. We intend to have a respectable place for visitors to meet with us. The old place had got to look very shabby and dirty. I hope to be able to report progress in the Order by next writing." April 12th, 1895, he wrote: "We are preparing to celebrate the anniversary. There is some talk of more commotion here. Things seem to be in a very unsettled state, and the prospects do not look very promising for peace and harmony. Was there a new Digest got out or ordered at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge? Excelsior Lodge has laid out about a thousand dollars in improving the Lodge and anterooms." May 6th, 1895: "I am somewhat improved since last writing, but am still confined to the house. About one-half of the town are sick with la grippe, so I am not alone in my misery. We are getting down to business again. Harmony Lodge is having Degree work to-night and Excelsior has a candidate elected by Card, to join us to-morrow night, and an initiate in sight. In looking over Excelsior Lodge members, I find seventeen who have been in continuous membership for twenty-five years or more. Next year will be Excelsior's fiftieth anniversary, and think of trying to see if she will present Veteran Jewels to those members who are entitled, and may be able to give you quite a good order to fill." May 8th, 1895: "Am out attending to business again and hope to be able to give you a longer and more interesting letter next time. Will send copy of By-Laws of Polynesia Encampment accompanying proposed amendment to same."

Sweden, Europe.—The reports of Lodges Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, were received in March. Lodges Nos. 1 and 2 reported to the Grand Lodge of Denmark, and no report is due from No. 9. Vestmannia Lodge, No. 7, at Vesteras, was instituted October 27th, 1894, by Bro. Wm. Laurentz, Special Deputy Grand Sire. Linnea Lodge, No. 8, at Ystad, was instituted November 18th, 1894, by Bro. Sv. B. Lycell, District Deputy Grand Sire. Gustaf II. Adolf Lodge, No. 9, at Gothenburg, was instituted March 25th, 1895, by Bro. Anders Krook, Special Deputy Grand Sire. The reports, from the six Lodges reporting, show a membership of 427, a gain of 184 for the year. The reports of the two Encampments, Suecia, No. 1, and Wasa, No. 2, came to hand March 18th. The membership of No. 1 is 57, and that of No. 2 is 72, a gain of 82, compared with the returns of the previous year The report of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Sweden was, this day, July 30th, 1895, received from Bro. Herman Block, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe. The Grand Lodge was instituted at Stockholm by Bro. Block, July 8th, 1895, and the following Grand Officers installed: Bro. William Laurentz, of Stockholm, Grand Master; Bro. Gustav Smith, of Trelleborg, Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Anders

KROOK, of Gothenburg, Grand Warden; Bro. Sv. B. LYCELL, of Malmo, Grand Treasurer; Bro. FRED GEIJER, of Stockholm, Grand Secretary. In a letter dated, Stockholm, August 14th, received August 29th, 1895, Bro. GEIJER, Grand Secretary, said: "The number of members of I. O. O. F. in Sweden, is now 682." In letter of September 19th, 1894, Bro. Sv. B. LYCELL, District Deputy Grand Sire, wrote: "Your esteemed favors of 27th of July, 13th and 18th of August, came duly to hand. I also received the Charter, etc., for Vestmannia Lodge, No. 7. The Commission I have endorsed in blank and sent to Bro. WM. LAURENTZ, Past Grand of John Ericsson Lodge, No. 4, in Stockholm, who will go to Vesteras and institute the Lodge. The information given, I have written to him, and ordered him to send the report direct to your office. I feel very much flattered by the kind words you have written to me, and beg to thank you most heartily for all your friendly advice and your great patience, which I have tried too often by the many things I have had to trouble you with. Although 'the centre of gravity' is to be moved to Stockholm (which, as the capital of Sweden, is its natural place), I think there can be a great deal done here also. You will therefore permit me to call upon you for a continuation of your friendly disposition." November 17th, 1894, he wrote: "I received the Daily Journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the laws for the Patriarchs Militant and Rebekah Lodges, also your receipt for the fee for the Charter of Linnea Lodge No. 8. Enclosed I beg to hand you: Report of Bro. WM. LAURENTZ, Special Deputy Grand Sire, that he, on the 27th of October, initiated and conferred the three Degrees on H. GUSTAFSSON, A. SUNDSTROM, G. HOLM, K. BLADIN, H. MOLANDER, and G. LANDSTROM, in Vesteras; petition for Charter for Vestmannia Lodge, No. 7, at Vesteras; report of the institution of Vestmannia Lodge, No. 7, and installation of its officers. The Order now numbers 515 members, and Linnea Club, 30 members, who will soon be Lodge members." November 21st, he wrote: "The Charter for Linnea Lodge arrived November 17th, and as the members wished it, the Lodge was instituted on the 18th. I enclose report of the institution. Gustaf II. Adolph Club, Gothenburg, now numbers 32 members, Bro. ANDERS KROOK included, and will soon petition for a Charter." November 30th, 1894, Bro. LYCELL wrote: "I received your esteemed favor of the 9th inst. and sent immediately the cipher, all books and papers to Bro. WM. LAURENTZ, Stockholm, and enclose his receipt therefor. Considering that Sweden has a great extent of territory, but is not very populous, the Order has grown very well here already, thanks to the interest of all the Brethren here. However, I feel myself prompted to give honorable mention to the Brethren: ANDERS KROOK, now in Gothenburg; WM. LAURENTZ, FRED. GEIGER and W. MALMGREN in Stockholm; N. A. EWALD in Eslof and G. D. JONSSON in Ystad, for their burning zeal for our beloved Order. Last, but not least, I beg to thank you for all your kindly advice and instructions, for which I shall always be very much obliged." From Bro. WILLIAM LAURENTZ, District Deputy Grand Sire, November 30th, 1894: "I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of my Commission as District Deputy Grand Sire for the Kingdom of Sweden, and of your letter of the 7th of November, with the A. T. P. W. for 1895. The cipher and some books have been delivered to me by my predecessor Bro. LYCELL. Enclosed, I have the pleasure to hand you the preliminary petition of seven good citizens of Gothenburg, and also the fee for the Charter." February 26th, 1895, Bro. LAURENTZ wrote: "I duly received your letter of December 18th, with Commission to initiate the petitioners for the future Lodge No. 9, and also the advised packages with Charter, books, blanks, etc. The new Lodge will be instituted the 25th of March, with about 50 members. It will be a good step forward for our Order, as Gothen-

burg is the second city of Sweden, and the members of the Club seem to be animated with the best opinion of our work. It is to the energy of Bro. KROOK, one of the founders of the first Lodge in Stockholm, that we owe this success." May 20th, 1895, he wrote: "Inclosed I hand you the petition for and the report of the institution of Gustaf II. Adolf Lodge, No. 9, at Gothenburg. The new Lodge started with 45 members, under very promising circumstances. The general opinion concerning our Order is very good in the whole of our country, and not the least in Gothenburg, as proved by the detailed and laudatory articles in the journals, on the institution of the Lodge." October 30th, 1894, the C. P. and Scribe of Wasa Encampment, No. 2, transmitted the following: "We are glad to report that all is going on well here. The six Swedish Lodges now count 488 members, and the two Encampments, 128. A new Odd Fellows' Club, 'Gustaf II. Adolf,' has just been started on the west coast, in Gothenburg, the second town of Sweden, and we are almost certain that before half a year has elapsed, Sweden will count ten good Lodges. For our Encampment we have 11 applications for membership. We are much obliged for your kindness in sending us the Officer's Reports and Daily Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which we have perused with much interest. We beg to congratulate you on your re-election, and are glad to note that a Charter for a Swedish Grand Lodge has been prepared." May 4th, 1895, they wrote: "We are glad to say that our Encampment is prospering, and our Brethren are much interested in the work. The Encampment now numbers 80, and we have 15 new applications for membership. The number of Odd Fellows in Sweden is 643."

SWITZERLAND, EUROPE.—From the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, session held in March, 1895, the following has been compiled:

THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31ST, 1894.

Lodges.	Members Jan. 1, 1894.	Admitted.	Dropped.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Members Dec. 31, 1894.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 1.....	70	6	....	8	1	67	....	3
No. 2.....	28	....	....	....	2	26	....	2
No. 3.....	86	14	....	2	2	96	10	....
No. 6.....	102	7	1	5	3	100	....	2
No. 9.....	24	2	....	....	....	26	2	....
Total.....	310	29	1	15	8	315	12	7

Eidgenossen Encampment, No. 1, January 1st, 1894, had a membership of 94. They lost by withdrawal, etc. during the year, 8, leaving a membership December 31st, 1894, of 89, which is divided among the Lodges as follows: Helvetia No. 1, 34; Pestalozzi No. 2, 4; Fallenberg No. 3, 19; St. Jacob's No. 6, 19; Rheinfall No. 9, 13.

From the Proceedings we obtain the following information: The receipts of the Lodges and Encampment were $5,616.99; disbursements of Lodges and Encampment, $4,521.81; relief by the Bodies, $1,911.22, and the assets amounted to $14,170.39.

Bro. FRITZ KUNZ, Grand Secretary, October 30th, 1894, wrote: "Many thanks for the Journals of Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge sent

to and received by me. I have read them with great interest, especially the reported application of eighteen gentlemen residing in Naples, Italy, for the purpose of introducing the Order into Italy, which is of great interest to us here. The further developments are anxiously awaited. I see the name of Bro. ERCOLE BERNASCONI, Grand Treasurer, a native of Italy, is mentioned in the report. I can recommend this dear Brother to you. He endeavors, to his utmost, to accomplish all the good deeds undertaken by him. In relation to the condition of the Order in Switzerland, I can only report that the membership of the Subordinate Lodges is steadily increasing, and that we are in hopes of instituting some new Lodges, whereby we will increase and strengthen our membership." November 28th, 1894, he wrote: "We acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 7th inst., communicating to us the Passwords for the year 1895, which are thankfully accepted." August 2d, 1895, he wrote: "I mailed to you 5 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of the 22d annual session of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, held March 23d, 24th, 1895. I also sent copies to the State Grand Lodges of America. I commend our report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and add that, in regard to the Subordinate Lodges and the Encampment of this Jurisdiction, there is no change in the number of members. We are in hopes of instituting some new Lodges this year, thereby increasing our membership."

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MAINE.—*Odd Fellows' Register*, Portland; monthly.
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HOMES, ORPHAN ASYLUMS, ETC.

The information received on the above subjects, from the several Jurisdictions, is as follows:

Alabama.—"Alabama is behind on this. Nothing of the kind, but we are trying to work up interest."

Arizona.—"I received to-day the blanks sent me by you, relative to Odd Fellows' Homes, etc., and have sent them to such Brothers of the Order in Arizona as take a decided interest in the matter. I will gather all the information in my power, and will forward it as soon as collected. The matter of a Home is of recent agitation in Arizona, and we have an active and zealous committee who are doing all in their power to advance it."

Arkansas.—"We have none in Arkansas."

Connecticut.—"Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut, at Groton. Organized 1892. Object—Home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their wives. From organization to May 1st, 1895: Lodge subscriptions, $38,155.05; donations, $1,773.86; interest, $817.70; orphanage fund, $719.41; sales, $71.81; board of inmates, $3,449.50; total, $44,987.33. Cost of Home, $13,301.38; expended on buildings, $1,388.66; furniture, $477.34; provisions, $2,069.49; coal, $470.84; employees, $2,261.33; extra labor, $303.55; house expenses, $585.55; farm expenses, $1,068.98; management, $231.69; printing and stationery, $90.00; physicians and medicines, $313,60; wharf for steamers, $472.46; insurance, $113.50; fire extinguishers, $69.75; taxes, $26.73; sundries, $10.00; cash on hand May 1st, 1895, $21,732.48. Total, $44,987.33. For year ending May 1st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $14,574.75; amount paid for provisions, $1,002.17; furniture, $101.92; donation, $51.50; coal, $232.09; employees, $994.33; labor, $111.05; management, $43.82; house and farm expenses, $744.95; buildings, $352.66; physicians and medicines, $275.90; printing, $90.00; taxes, $26.73. Total, $4,027.12. Money on hand, invested or on deposit, May 1st, 1895, $21,732.48; value of real estate or other property, $30,000. Our

aim has been to have a Home with as few 'institutional qualities' as possible, consistent with an economical and judicious management, and we have succeeded fairly well. Our inmates are happy, well fed, with steam heated rooms. We have an estate of 47 acres, splendid mansion, and a view unsurpassed in America."

"The Veteran Association, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, at New Haven. Organized March 8th, 1876. Object—Social enjoyment. Our annual meeting is held February 22d, in each year, and a seashore dinner in July or August. We have no fund, but collect at each meeting a sum sufficient to cover expenses of a good dinner."

Georgia.—"The blanks for filling up for Odd Fellows' Homes, etc., duly received this A. M., and I very much regret to write you that we have nothing in this Jurisdiction under the several heads that I can fill up for the benefit of the Order at large. Some two years ago a committee was appointed to take into consideration the establishing of an Orphans' Home; considerable money was raised by donation and otherwise, a site was selected and plans furnished with every prospect of success, but at the last session of our Grand Lodge, the whole thing was quashed, and money returned to the donors, so we have nothing whatever in this Jurisdiction to report upon."

Idaho.—"Odd Fellows Home, at Idaho Falls. Organized 1891. Object—To provide a Home for orphans of Odd Fellows, and indigent Odd Fellows. Value of real estate or other property, $20,000. Home is now under course of construction. Expected to be completed this fall. Is practically a donation from the town of Idaho Falls to the Grand Lodge. Good three-story stone building, and sixty acres of excellent land. Have had considerable trouble over it, but things are now shaping themselves all right. Idaho, with 1,500 Odd Fellows, will soon have one of the best Homes in the West, or East either, for that matter. No especial organization as yet; is under direct control of the Grand Lodge."

Illinois.—"Odd Fellows Orphans' Home, at Lincoln. Organized September 7th, 1889. Object—To care for and educate orphan children of Odd Fellows of the State. From organization to June 30th, 1895: Amount of receipts, $87,435.98; amount paid for permanent improvements, $61,001.50; amount paid for expenses, $22,785.13. For year ending June 30th, 1895: Amount of receipts, $26,782.58; amount paid for improvements, $2,808.44, and building cottage, $6,585.90; amount paid for expenses, $10,696.99; money on hand and on deposit, June 30th, 1895, $9,392.14; value of real estate or other property, $81,101.50. The title to the property is in the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F., and the Home is sustained by appropriations annually made by the Grand Lodge, supplemented by donations from Lodges and members. The management is in the hands of a Board of five Directors, appointed by the Grand Master. The present Board is composed of J. OTIS HUMPHREY, Springfield; W. H. CROCKER, Chicago; J. S. TICKNOR, Rockford; T. B. NEEDLES, Nashville, and J. W. YANTIS, Shelbyville. Mrs. L. L. MORRISON, of Lincoln, is the Superintendent. There are 83 children now in the Home, and new ones are admitted each month. The grounds comprise 40 acres of rich land, wholly given up to orchard and garden products. The main building, in addition to furnishing accommodations for library, schools and dining room service, provides dormitories for from 60 to 70 children, and the cottage just completed will take care of about 45 more. The children are instructed in every useful employment known to a well regulated country home, while special attention is devoted to the work of the schools, kindergarten, primary and advanced, to the end that the improvement of the children in their school work, in the reading of good books and in the study of music, both vocal and instrumental, shall be as rapid as possible."

Indian Territory.—"None in the Indian Territory."

Louisiana.—"Your circular letter of recent date together with blank reports, referring to 'Odd Fellows' Homes, Orphan Asylums,' etc., has been duly received. In reply I beg leave to report that the Grand Jurisdiction of Louisiana possesses no such institutions."

Maine.—"Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief Association, at Portland. Organized, February, 1868. Object—Mutual relief. From organization to June 30th, 1895: Amount paid for death benefits, $445,871.43. For year ending June 30th, 1895: Amount of receipts, $395.35; amount paid for death benefits, $336.00; amount paid for expenses, $59.35; money on hand, invested or on deposit June 30th, 1895, $624.14; value of real estate or other property, bank stock, $1,400.00."

Manitoba.—"We have none yet."

Minnesota.—"Minnesota Odd Fellows' Home and Orphan Asylum, at St. Paul. Organized, June 3d, 1891. Object—The care of aged and indigent members and of orphans of Odd Fellows. From organization to May 31st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $8,281.27; amount paid for expenses, $202.75. For year ending May 31st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $1,250.84; money on hand, invested or on deposit, May 31st, 1895, $8,075.92. Our Home is an incorporated body, but not yet in operation. Our aim is to first obtain funds sufficient to begin work free from debt. Contributions are voluntary, but have been flattering during the past year of financial depression. The officers of the Rebekah Assembly are manifesting great interest, and through their efforts a new interest has been awakened in this laudable work. At our Grand Lodge session in June last, the following contributions were received in cash: Grand Lodge, $1,000.00; St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, $500.00; Rebekah Assembly, per capita tax, $154.25; total, $1,654.25."

Nevada.—"We have none of the above mentioned Associations in this Jurisdiction."

New York.—"Long Island I. O. O. F. Home Association, at Hollis, Queens Co. Organized May 1st, 1891. Object—Maintainance of aged and indigent members of the Order, their wives and the widows of deceased members. From organization to May 1st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $28,902.37; furniture and other donations valued $7,500.00; amount paid for property, $11,000.00; improvements and repairs, $7,000.00; taxes and insurance, $367.23; salaries, $2,085.96; printing and expenses, $1,355.43; supplies, $4,285.50. For year ending May 1st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $6,076.25 in cash, and cancellation of the mortgage by the President, $2,500.00, $8,576.25; amount paid for cancelling mortgage, $2,500.00; improvements and repairs, $1,424.16; supplies, $1,858.69; salaries, $750.11; insurance and expenses, $146.19; printing and postage, $271.31; money on hand, invested or on deposit June 30th, 1895, $2,464.45; value of real estate and other property, actual cost, furniture, etc., $25,246.18. 9¾ acres of land very favorably located about 12 miles from city of Brooklyn. Grounds and buildings estimated worth $20,000 to $25,000 free from all incumbrances."

"German Odd Fellows' Home Association, at New York. Organized August 12th, 1886. Object—To care for the aged and orphans. From organization to June 30th, 1895: Amount of receipts, $179,247.36; amount paid for property and improvements, $80,000.00; amount paid for expenses, $87,973.29. For the year ending June 30th, 1895: Amount of receipts, $13,630.27; amount paid for new outbuilding, $4,500.00; amount paid for expenses, $7,537.34; money on hand, invested or on deposit, June 30, 1895, $11,274.17; value of real estate or other property, $201,500.00. We have 86 inmates and 18 orphans. The Home and Orphanage is situated at Unionport, Westchester Co., N. Y."

North Carolina.—"Odd Fellows' Orphans Home, near Goldsboro. Organized 1888, opened in 1891. Object—Support, education, maintainance and protection of children of deceased Brothers, needing its aid and care. For year ending April 1st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $3,377.67; amount paid for building and repairs, $181.15; expenses of Board of Trustees, $24.00; amount paid for expenses, $2,248.62; money on hand, invested or on deposit, June 30th, 1895, $5,447.19; value of real estate or other property, $10,000.00. Governed by a board of five Trustees of whom the Grand Master is one, and ex-officio—its Chairman. Present inmates consist, as follows: Orphan children, 28; superintendent and family, 3; matron, seamstress, 2; servants, 2; total, 35. The four Trustees are elected by the Grand Lodge, one vacancy occurring each year."

Ohio.—"I. O. O. F. Home, at Rossmoyne. Organized May, 1882, but it came into possession of the Grand Lodge July 1st, 1892. Object—A Home for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows of Ohio. From organization to March 31st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $7,614.90; amount paid for improvements and fixtures, $481.08; amount paid for expenses, $4,776.66. For year ending March 31st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $4,382.04; amount paid for expenses, $2,220.00; value of real estate or other property, $10,831.54. The Grand Lodge also has Home property at Springfield, Ohio, valued at $15,000.00. A Rebekah Cottage was erected on this property during the year 1894–95, at a cost of $2,775.00 for the accomodation of Orphans, which will be opened about September, 1895. The Rossmoyne Home is in charge of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge and the Springfield Home is in charge of the Home Trustees. Suitable buildings for the care of the aged and indigent Odd Fellows will be erected at Springfield and the residents of the Rossmoyne Home transferred to Springfield. Rossmoyne will then be sold."

Oregon.—"Odd Fellows' Home, at Fairview. Organized May 21st, 1879. Object—To care for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their widows and orphans. From organization to May 16th, 1895: Amount of receipts, $19,865.03; amount paid for building and land, $11,417.42; amount paid for stock and implements, $1,944.00; amount paid for expenses, $5,735.86. For year ending May 16th, 1895: Amount of receipts, $256.00; amount paid for expenses, $18.25; money on hand, invested or on deposit, June 30th, 1895, $767.75; value of real estate or other property, $13,361.42. The building is still incomplete, hence the 'Home' is not yet in operation. The land is rented."

Pennsylvania.—"Odd Fellows Home of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. Organized November 17th, 1874. Object—To provide and maintain a Home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows. Supported by the payment of one cent per week per member, 18,020, in 114 Lodges and Encampments. From organization to June 1st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $216,631.70; amount paid for supplies, $76,377.33; salaries and help, $26,080.81; house furnishing, $6,077.21; real estate and repairs, $67,330.49; amount paid for expenses, $12,750.85. For year ending June 1st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $14,457.32; amount paid for supplies, $6,818.88; salaries and help, $2,420.30; housefurnishing, $605.86; alterations and repairs, $1,001.66; permanent improvements, $166.72; amount paid for expenses, $2,400.85; money on hand, invested or on deposit June 30th, 1895, $27,991.58; value of real estate or other property, $65,000.00, total $92,991.58. During the twenty-one years we have admitted 194 men, of these 91 have died and 33 have left, leaving 70 remaining in the Home June 1st, 1895."

"The Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. Organized March 31st, 1883. Object—To support, maintain and educate the orphans of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania. From organization to June

1st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $91,565.67, exclusive of furniture and other goods donated; amount paid for property and repairs, $32,407.06; interest $1,452.44; amount paid for expenses, $57,547.93. For year ending June 1st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $6,058.97; amount paid for provisions, clothing and salaries, $5,567.81; printing, stationery and postage, $410.60; repairs to property, $392.81; rent and insurance, $91.20; interest on loans, $317.65; total amount paid for expenses, $6,580.05; money on hand, invested or on deposit June 1st, 1895; $3,084.53 in permanent fund; value of real estate or other property, $43,979.69, less liabilities, $8,102.31. Number of inmates, 17 girls and 37 boys; 7 under guardianship in other families. Total number admitted since organization 102, admitted during the year ending June 1st, 1895, 7 boys and 6 girls."

"Homes for Widows and Orphans of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania, at Allegheny. Incorporated March 8th, 1890. Dedicated and instituted July 1891. Object—A Home for widows and orphans of Odd Fellows. From organization to March 31st, 1893: Amount of receipts, $8,349.77; amount paid for improvement of building and grounds, $1,129.74; amount paid for expenses, $3,574.54. For year ending March 31st, 1894: Amount of receipts, $4,203.11; amounts paid for improvements on building and grounds during year ending March 31st, 1894, $3,401.48; amount paid for expenses, $3,813.63; money on hand, invested or on deposit, March 31st, 1895, $1,560.85; value of real estate or other property, $15,000. For year ending March 31st, 1895: Amount of receipts $4,246.76; amount paid for improvements to building and grounds, $820.55; amount paid for expenses of the Home $3,498.95."

Rhode Island.—"Odd Fellows' Beneficial Association, at Providence. Organized June 30th, 1868. Object—The creation and perpetuation of a fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of its members, in such manner as may be prescribed by its law. From organization to May 31st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $558,902.27; amount paid for relief $505,966.23; amount paid for expenses, $46,111.16. For year ending May 31st, 1895: Amount of receipts, $26,805.03; amount paid for relief, $27,900.00; amount paid for expenses, $2,703.07; money on hand, invested or on deposit June 30th, 1895, $9,347.48."

Tennessee.—"St. George's Lodge, No. 222, I. O. O. F., owns no real estate, but owns a library and books, worth $250.00."

Texas.—"Widows' and Orphans' Home, at Corsicana. Organized April 26th, 1882. Object—To care for the widows and educate the orphans. Value of real estate or other property, $30,000.00."

Vermont.—"We have none of these in Vermont."

Wisconsin.—"Odd Fellows' Home Association, at Green Bay. Organized June, 1890. Object—To provide a Home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, widows and orphans. From organization to April 30th, 1895: Amount of receipts, $27,355.29; amount paid for expenses, $18,624.40, including real estate and building. For year ending April 30th, 1895: Amount of receipts, $6,907.17; amount paid for expenses, $6.396.04; money on hand, invested or on deposit April 30th, 1895, cash, $5,430.89, invested, $3,300.00; value of real estate or other property, $11,255.97, net cost. Number of occupants of the Home, 24."

Wyoming.—"None."

ODD FELLOWS' INSURANCE ASSOCIATIONS.

Under the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge certificates have been issued to the following Associations during the year ending July 31st, 1895:

1. *Connecticut.*—"Odd Fellows' Mutual Aid Association of Connecticut," at New Haven.

2. *Illinois.*—"The Triple Link Mutual Indemnity Association," at Chicago.
3. *Iowa.*—"Odd Fellows' Annuity Association," at Des Moines.
4. *Massachusetts.*—"Odd Fellows' Mutual Accident Association," at Boston.
5. "Fraternal Accident Association of America," at Westfield.
6. "The Ridgely Protective Association," at Worcester.
7. "Odd Fellows' Accident Company," at Boston.
8. *Michigan.*—"Odd Fellows' Mutual Benefit Association," at Lansing.
9. *Ohio.*—"Odd Fellows' National Beneficial Association," at Dayton.
10. "Odd Fellows' Beneficial Association of Muskingum Valley," at Zanesville.
11. "Odd Fellows' Beneficial Association," at Columbus.
12. "The Odd Fellows' Weekly Benefit Society of Sandusky," at Sandusky.
13. *Ontario.*—"The Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada," at Kingston.

COMMISSIONS.

The Grand Sire authorized the following:

To initiate and confer the Subordinate Lodge Degrees.

September 21, 1894. To Bro. HERMAN BLOCK, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, on the petition of five residents of Naples, Italy, Europe, to enable them to petition for a Lodge to be located at Naples.

December 18, 1894. To Bro. WILLIAM LAURENTZ, D. D. Grand Sire, on the petition of seven residents of the city of Gothenburg, Sweden, Europe, to enable them to petition for a Lodge to be located at Gothenburg.

WARRANTS ISSUED.

During the recess, Charters were issued from this office for the following Bodies:

For Subordinate Lodges.

ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.—*Alameda Lodge, No. 7*, at Alameda. Instituted December 13, 1894, by Bro. JOHN TUCKER, D. D. Grand Sire.

ITALY, EUROPE.—*Colombo Lodge, No. 1*, at Naples. Instituted March 12, 1895, by Bro. HERMAN BLOCK, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe.

NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.—*Concordia Lodge, No. 5*, at Amsterdam. Papers sent August 6, 1895, to Bro. I. T. PHILIPS, D. D. Grand Sire.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—*Mauna Kea Lodge, No. 4*, at Hilo. Papers sent August 12, 1895, to L. L. LA PIERRE, D. D. Grand Sire.

SWEDEN, EUROPE.—*Linnea Lodge, No. 8*, at Ystad. Instituted November 18, 1894, by Bro. SV. B. LYCELL, D. D. Grand Sire. *Gustaf II. Adolf Lodge, No. 9*, at Gothenburg. Instituted March 25, 1895, by Bro. ANDERS KROOK, Special Deputy Grand Sire.

Certificates were issued for—

GRAND ENCAMPMENT DEGREE.

Alberta, Canada.—JAMES H. GRIERSON, M. MCCRIMMON, Encampment No. 1.

Arizona.—JAMES S. WILLIAMS, JOHN MCTEER, Encampment No. 5.

Indian Territory.—CHAS. L. HUBBARD, M. M. STAUT, Encampment No. 4.

Mexico.—C. H. MY AGRAMONTE, Encampment No. 1.

New Mexico.—J. L. CHAPMAN, F. MEREDITH JONES, Encampment No. 2; A. H. JONES, JAMES L. MURPHY, Encampment No. 4.

Sweden.—FREDR. GEIJER, Encampment No. 2.

PAST NOBLE GRAND AND GRAND LODGE DEGREES.

Alberta, Canada.—WILLIAM OLIVER, GEO. STEELE, Lodge No. 2; WM. J. MCPHEE, JOSEPH HICKS, Lodge No. 4; H. M. DOUGLAS, OWEN PASCAL THOMSON, Lodge No. 6; ALFRED BROWN, RICHARD FOSTER, Lodge No. 7.

Assiniboia, Canada.—J. R. CLARK, Lodge No. 3; S. L. T. RANKIN, Lodge No. 5.

Cuba.—JUAN ORGANES HERNANDES, Lodge No. 4; FRANCISCO ROMAN GARCIA, JOSE VICTOR COVA, Lodge No. 7.

Mexico.—C. C. LAMM, Lodge No. 1; RICHARD TAYLOR, SAMUEL M. WALKER, Lodge No. 5.

Netherlands, Europe.—HENRI FRANK, Lodge No. 1.

Sandwich Islands.—W. D. ALEXANDER, A. MACKINTOSH, F. P. MCINTYRE, E. HINGLEY, Lodge No. 1.

Saskatchewan, Canada.—C. R. WILLIAMSON, Lodge No. 1.

Sweden, Europe.—ARTHUR EWERLOF, Lodge No. 4; WILH. MALMGREN, Lodge No. 6.

MANCHESTER UNITY.

The Monthly Magazine of the M. U. for April, 1895, publishes the statistics of the Order for the year 1894, and an abstract of them is herewith submitted. It will be seen that the net increase in membership was 16,724, while in 1893 it was 13,322. The "secessions" (23,583 in 1893, and 22,538 in 1894), seriously affect the membership. In the reports to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for 1893, the "suspended" numbered 36,886, and in 1894 they reached the enormous number of 48,339. It appears that the Manchester Unity does not suffer as much from "lapses" as does the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Numerical position of the Order, 1st January, 1895.

The following particulars have been compiled from the returns received:

Number of members, 1st January, 1894	722,725	
Admissions by initiations during 1894, Great Britain and Ireland	46,183	
Increase in the Colonies	939	
		769,847
Deaths in Great Britain, etc., during 1894	7,635	
Lodges closed, etc. Great Britain, etc. (Number of members.)	225	
Secession by Members, Great Britain, etc	22,538	
		30,398
Total number of Members, 1st January, 1895		739,449
Increase of Membership during the year 1894	16,724	

JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

Number of Members, 1st January, 1895	96,453
Number of Members, 1st January, 1894	90,057
Increase during 1894	6,396

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.

Number of Adult subscribing Members	739,449
Number of Widows subscribing for Funeral Benefits	10,183
Number of Juvenile Members	96,453
Number of Honorary Members	10,895
	856,980

DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTS AND DAILY JOURNALS FOR SESSION OF 1895.

As directed by the resolution on page 9,414, Journal of 1883, as amended at Session of 1893, p. 13,550; and 1894, p. 14,179, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby, authorized to have printed hereafter, and furnish to each Past Grand Sire, Officer and Representative present at the Session, fifteen copies of the Reports of Grand Officers and the Daily Journal, and one additional copy of the same for every five hundred members of the several Jurisdictions; *provided, however*, that not more than 100 extra copies shall be allowed to any jurisdiction," the Reports and Journals will be distributed daily, as follows:

First. One copy, *not wrapped*, will be laid on the desk of each officer and member.

Second. Fourteen copies, *wrapped for mailing*, for each officer and member will be mailed from the printing office to the addresses on the mail lists.

Third. The extra copies for each Jurisdiction, as below, will be mailed from the printing office, as alloted by the Representatives to the addresses on the mailing lists.

	Members.	Copies.		Members.	Copies.
Alabama	3,150	7	Montana	2,567	6
Arizona	639	2	Nebraska	9,363	19
Arkansas	4,377	9	Nevada	1,464	3
British Columbia	3,015	7	New Hampshire	12,246	25
California	30,685	62	New Jersey	24,694	50
Colorado	6,897	14	New Mexico	812	2
Connecticut	14,857	30	New York	70,125	100
Delaware	2,918	6	North Carolina	4,335	9
District of Columbia	2,288	5	North Dakota	2,324	5
Florida	1,248	3	Ohio	62,043	100
Georgia	4,714	10	Oklahoma	1,446	3
Idaho	1,557	4	Ontario	21,662	44
Illinois	50,544	100	Oregon	5,809	12
Indiana	41,888	84	Pennsylvania	107,708	100
Indian Territory	1,344	3	Quebec	1,979	4
Iowa	35,748	72	Rhode Island	6,392	13
Kansas	22,612	46	South Carolina	785	2
Kentucky	8,241	17	South Dakota	3,937	8
Louisiana	1,349	3	Tennessee	5,013	11
Lower Provinces	4,544	10	Texas	8,124	17
Maine	20,531	42	Utah	1,254	3
Manitoba	2,260	5	Vermont	4,520	10
Maryland	9,228	19	Virginia	6,972	14
Massachusetts	48,675	98	Washington	7,435	15
Michigan	23,447	47	West Virginia	8,666	18
Minnesota	14,484	29	Wisconsin	17,410	35
Mississippi	1,616	4	Wyoming	1,001	3
Missouri	26,026	53			
					1422

Two copies of the mail list were sent to each officer and member as soon as certificates were received, and the lists contained the laws, as above,

with full directions on the subject, and mentioned the number of extra copies to which each Jurisdiction was entitled according to the above table. Some Representatives contend that the Subordinate Encampment membership should also be considered in determining the extra copies, but that has not been the custom and does not seem justified by the laws. To September 7th, 1895, the lists of 50 Representatives and 3 Officers have not reached this office.

INITIATIONS, SUSPENSIONS, ETC.

The returns of Grand and Subordinate Lodges for 1893 and 1894, show the admissions and demissions as follows:

	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Deceased.
1893	72,807	14,838	6,106	14,299	36,886	1,134	8,517
1894	63,845	11,487	6,019	11,636	48,339	1,120	8,335

THE VETERAN JEWEL.

From August 21st, 1894, to July 31st, 1895, orders were received for 408, (43 being gold) of the 25 year Jewels, the total number being 2,794. The demand for this medal continues quite regular, and will probably increase year after year.

THE REBEKAH VETERAN JEWEL.

The demand for the fifteen year Jewel has been light, though 23 have been disposed of, an increase of seven over the previous year, the total number sold being 95. It is believed by some that if the time of membership necessary to entitle a Sister to the Jewel was made *ten* instead of *fifteen* years, many more Jewels would be applied for.

THE HONORABLE VETERAN JEWEL.

It is stated in report to session of 1894, that seven of the 50 year Jewels had been sold. During the last year 17 were ordered, making the total issued 24. There are, no doubt, thousands of members who have served faithfully for fifty years or more, in the Order, and who ought to receive this beautiful emblem of their half a century's labor in the cause of Odd Fellowship.

THE DECORATION OF CHIVALRY.

August 20th, 1894, it was reported that three Jewels had been issued. During the last year 42 were applied for, making a total of 45 issued from this office since October 1st, 1893.

NEW REPRESENTATIVES.

Year after year the roll of accredited Representatives to the S. G. Lodge increases. We note for the session of 1895 there are 185 Representatives.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

There is little to be said on this subject in addition to what has frequently been mentioned. The laws of the S. G. L. are seemingly ignored and reports are received when it seems the pleasure of the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes to forward them.

DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

The tables of returns show a remarkable increase in the membership of this Degree. This branch of the Order appears to be growing in popular favor more than any other, as during the year 1894, according to the reports of Grand Bodies, the Subordinate Lodge membership increased 15,523; the Rebekah membership 22,747 and there was a loss of 1,879 in Encampment membership. That the laws of 1894 had much to do with the rapid growth of the membership in Rebekah Lodges, is unquestionable, as numerous letters received in this office testify.

Although several times asked for his views on the "eligibility" clause in the laws of 1894, the Grand Secretary has refrained from expressing an opinion on the merits of the clause. He has, however, unhesitatingly said: "It is the law and ought to be obeyed, as every other enactment of the S. G. L., and no true man or true woman would vote to reject a candidate simply because of objection to the law. It is the character and the eligibility of the applicant alone, not the advisability of the enactment, that should actuate a Brother or Sister in voting on the admission of a petitioner for membership in a Rebekah Lodge."

It is undeniable, but much to be regretted that some members have permitted unworthy motives to control their actions; have violated their obligations and have not remembered the injunction "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." They cannot find any authority for such actions in the beautiful ritual of the Rebekah Degree.

CHARTER FEES.

The amount received during the year was $54.00 being $108.00 less than the preceding year.

BOUND VOLUMES OF JOURNALS.

It was expected that Volume XVI., (1893-4) would have been distributed during the year, but on account of delay on the part of the printers with the Revised Journal of 1894, and the index to Volume XVI., the books have not been received. At this writing, (August 31st,) we are informed that the edition is about ready; but it is too late to distribute the books previous to the session of 1895.

THE PRESS OF THE ORDER.

We miss some old familiar papers that have, for many years, been regularly received at this office, but several new publications have made their appearance, some of which have been received, while we know of others from notices in the newspapers of the Order. The names of all papers and magazines received regularly will be found in another portion of this report.

It seems evident that Odd Fellows do not patronize the publications in the interest of the Order to the extent they might and should, at least such is the opinion of the enterprising Brothers who are expending time and money in presenting valuable and interesting journals to their readers.

SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED.

From August 21st, 1894, to July 31st, 1895, inclusive, 1085 orders for articles furnished from this office were received and promptly filled. This was 49 less than in the preceding year, but if the 49 orders received August 1st to 20th, 1895, are considered it will be found that there is no difference for the same length of time. A table herewith states the details of receipt and distribution of supplies.

APPEALS.

At this date, August 31st, four appeals have been received. Any others that may come by September 4th, will be placed in the hands of the committee. It does not seem reasonable that from four to nine months should be required to complete appeals from Bodies that met from November to May, and get the documents into this office on the eve of the session of the S. G. L. when time is precious. Since the laws of 1885 (Journal, page 10,049), requiring 200 copies of all appeal papers to be furnished, there has been a large increase in the number of Representatives, and 200 copies are not sufficient to supply each officer and member with one copy. It is suggested that 300 copies of all appeal papers be required.

OBITUARY.

No information of the death of any officer or member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge having been received since the last session, for the first time in many years, there are no names to mention. Several Past Grand Representatives have died, and, no doubt, appropriate tributes will be paid to their memory by their successors.

NEW DIGEST.

Many inquiries have been made about the Digest authorized at the last session, and learning from the Grand Sire (in whose hands the matter is placed), that the book cannot be issued this year, applicants have been informed that it is probable a new Digest will not be ready until about June or July, 1896. It is presumed that the Grand Sire will make a full report on the subject.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The premises now occupied, were leased for two years and eleven months from February 1, 1893, that is, until January 1, 1896. The owner has agreed to extend until September 30, 1895, the right to purchase the property for the amount named for the year 1894, that is, twenty-eight thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars. The price originally named in the agreement for the purchase of the property during the year 1895 was thirty thousand dollars.

It is believed that a more desirable and convenient location for the office cannot be obtained in Baltimore than the building now occupied. The lot is of good size, the house substantially constructed, and, at considerable expense, has been fitted for the office. The price demanded is regarded as reasonable, and it is suggested that at this session steps should be taken to purchase the property or renew the lease. A provision in the lease authorizes a renewal for one year on the same terms unless notice is given to the contrary. It will be very expensive to remove and fit up another office, and under all the circumstances, it seems wise for the Sovereign Grand Lodge to become the owner of the property.

CURRENT EXPENSES *of Grand and Subordinate Bodies, as required by the Legislation of Session of* 1893.

JURISDICTION.	CURRENT EXPENSES.			
	Subordinate Lodges.	Grand Lodges.	Subordinate Encampments.	Grand Encampments.
1. Alabama	$19,226 12	$3,125 85	$612 36	*
2. Arizona	6,827 61	1,363 05		
3. Arkansas	11,856 93	4,344 06	*	$182 50
4. British Columbia	22,077 36	1,832 37	1,171 44	196 43
5. California	210,212 94	8,658 90	20,980 83	3,624 37
6. Colorado	49,817 22	4,484 32	3,739 80	600 00
7. Connecticut	56,313 51	*	7,611 39	*
8. Delaware	15,396 63	1,466 68	1,262 96	279 70
9. District of Columbia	11,022 05	1,090 60	1,230 29	250 84
10. Florida	*	*	*	160 64
11. Georgia	5,720 58	3,820 78	124 95	362 20
12. Idaho	18,438 18	3,695 11	*	959 74
13. Illinois	405,252 08	13,327 20	*	*
14. Indiana	179,094 31	*	14,307 22	*
15. Indian Territory	*	906 50		
16. Iowa	82,550 60	11,455 98	5,952 00	2,305 53
17. Kansas	*	*	8,614 71	3,174 51
18. Kentucky	52,383 59	3,186 00	*	519 60
19. Louisiana	8,245 21	1,846 35	687 60	196 15
20. Lower Prov., B. N. A.	12,333 61	1,376 30	863 32	106 02
21. Maine	52,146 14	2,813 98	8,241 58	1,007 36
22. Manitoba	11,471 71	1,342 97	706 49	234 20
23. Maryland	*	9,812 44	*	495 25
24. Massachusetts	225,213 84	8,741 87	31,272 25	4,154 05
25. Michigan	92,947 14	*	4,039 06	*
26. Minnesota	64,399 32	6,174 01	4,662 09	1,035 52
27. Mississippi	17,193 07	2,424 00	1,188 33	480 95
28. Missouri	39,113 07	11,345 25	*	*
29. Montana	6,581 20	3,890 15	*	569 90
30. Nebraska	53,449 90	7,414 47	2,381 90	603 60
31. Nevada	13,198 49	1,855 80	1,153 40	351 75
32. New Hampshire	*	*	*	*
33. New Jersey	*	6,553 44	*	1,208 86
34. New Mexico	6,093 20	*		
35. New York	288,462 37	12,186 37	20,530 60	2,176 71
36. North Carolina	12,326 57	5,808 87	*	517 16
37. North Dakota	18,351 80	1,810 13	935 97	145 00
38. Ohio	299,375 81	24,454 11	37,781 06	4,740 74
39. Oklahoma	*	1,157 21	*	146 30
40. Ontario	75,845 55	*	5,370 16	2,000 00
41. Oregon	39,364 58	4,899 06	3,235 56	517 40
42. Pennsylvania	286,577 46	27,301 14	29,173 52	3,301 83
43. Quebec	*	*		
44. Rhode Island	46,962 17	2,984 54	4,038 67	1,128 92
45. South Carolina	*	*		
46. South Dakota	21,597 57	2,673 38	2,032 96	284 04
47. †Sweden	*			
48. Tennessee	27,345 17	2,216 28	1,329 44	483 84
49. Texas	42,722 39	8,613 13	6,574 24	658 08
50. Utah	9,502 87	2,332 63	1,427 32	539 20
51. Vermont	17,911 55	2,982 31	2,012 20	446 75
52. Virginia	27,567 00	3,292 00	1,795 69	437 73
53. Washington	66,460 47	9,871 09	4,652 03	742 45
54. West Virginia	51,321 51	3,726 03	*	*
55. Wisconsin	132,842 14	13,634 86	4,506 87	1,022 53
56. Wyoming	6,532 06	1,341 48	911 32	83 00
	$3,219.644 65	$259.633 05	$247,111 58	$42,431 35

Aggregate expenses reported, $3,768,820.63.

* Not reported. † Grand Lodge instituted July 8th, 1895.

INVESTED FUNDS *of Grand and Subordinate Bodies, as required by the Legislation of Session of* 1893.

JURISDICTION.	INVESTED FUNDS.			
	Subordinate Lodges.	Grand Lodges.	Subordinate Encampments.	Grand Encampments.
1. Alabama	*	*	$2,717 05	*
2. Arizona	*	*		
3. Arkansas	$23,183 84	$500 00	*	*
4. British Columbia	187,616 25	*	2,814 50	*
5. California	2,593,517 71	*	171,861 53	*
6. Colorado	316,351 54	*	21,857 00	*
7. Connecticut	400,527 36	*	33,341 05	*
8. Delaware	144,461 50	380 00	4,869 97	*
9. District of Columbia	42,176 32	4,772 06	7,832 95	$183 57
10. Florida	*	*	*	*
11. Georgia	*	4,138 57	*	*
12. Idaho	99,995 55	*	*	*
13. Illinois	1,621,100 69	3,000 00	*	*
14. Indiana	2,284,923 66	*	111,820 35	*
15. Indian Territory	*	*		
16. Iowa	817,420 98	14,233 99	12,048 00	2,626 16
17. Kansas	*	*	12,197 33	*
18. Kentucky	673,199 80	3,608 31	38,882 70	*
19. Louisiana	59,216 99	800 00	1,916 80	*
20. Lower Prov., B. N. A.	60,011 13	*	1,176 64	*
21. Maine	635,873 11	7,536 97	69,351 54	4,540 29
22. Manitoba	66,622 37	1,732 00	1,932 40	*
23. Maryland	*	*	*	*
24. Massachusetts	*	7,911 43	*	2,642 81
25. Michigan	163,544 95	*	*	*
26. Minnesota	464,905 17	*	6,325 51	*
27. Mississippi	49,784 00	310 40	*	*
28. Missouri	708,254 30	23,786 89	22,923 00	*
29. Montana	9,400 00	150 00	*	*
30. Nebraska	376,989 69	*	14,525 17	*
31. Nevada	50,106 23	900 00	4,700 00	200 00
32. New Hampshire	366,310 29	*	26,110 89	*
33. New Jersey	*	*	*	*
34. New Mexico	19,819 95	*		
35. New York	*	*	*	*
36. North Carolina	82,311 74	*	*	*
37. North Dakota	56,260 85	*	1,303 35	*
38. Ohio	1,786,439 43	*	257,573 56	*
39. Oklahoma	*	*	*	*
40. Ontario	859,713 00	*	21,145 46	*
41. Oregon	444,244 38	750 20	21,087 75	*
42. Pennsylvania	3,793,123 86	15,200 00	365,066 83	7,258 38
43. Quebec	*	*		
44. Rhode Island	306,088 71	2,855 44	31,651 28	428 81
45. South Carolina	*	*		
46. South Dakota	87,051 40	*	5,290 55	*
47. †Sweden				
48. Tennessee	266,721 20	*	14,361 02	*
49. Texas	414,007 14	33,817 08	*	*
50. Utah	67,549 33	*	3,279 11	*
51. Vermont	76,833 06	1,504 32	3,054 52	301 16
52. Virginia	*	*	1,627 85	*
53. Washington	294,868 41	*	3,790 00	*
54. West Virginia	165,875 00	*	*	*
55. Wisconsin	440,686 41	*	360 00	*
56. Wyoming	55,749 27	*	3,086 00	*
	$21,432,836 57	$127,887 66	$1,301,881 66	$18,181 18

Aggregate invested funds, $22,880,787.07.

* Not reported. † Grand Lodge instituted July 8th, 1895.

MEMBERSHIP.

Increase and Decrease from January 1st to December 31st, 1894.

JURISDICTION.	LODGES.		ENCAMPMENTS.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Alabama	.....	141	.....	35
Alberta (7 Lodges, 1 Encampment)	.....	23	.....	.....
Arizona	.....	29	.....	.....
Arizona (5 Encampments)	.....	.....	19	.....
Arkansas	89	.....	4	.....
*Assiniboia (7 Lodges)	3	.....	.....	.....
British Columbia	861	.....	12	.....
California	.....	56	.....	123
†Chile (3 Lodges)	.....	32	.....	.....
Colorado	.....	583	.....	14
Connecticut	211	.....	.....	48
‡Cuba (4 Lodges)	.....	55	.....	.....
Delaware	.....	77	2	.....
District of Columbia	6	.....	.....	25
Florida	100	.....	6	.....
France (2 Lodges)	.....	7	.....	.....
Georgia	.....	417	.....	170
Idaho	.....	62	1	.....
Illinois	1,289	.....	.....	334
Indiana	707	.....	123	.....
Indian Territory	326	.....	.....	.....
‖Indian Territory (6 Encampments)	.....	.....	.....	5
Iowa	1,875	.....	.....	78
¿Italy (1 Lodge)	.....	.....	.....	.....
¶Japan (1 Lodge)	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas	.....	488	.....	404
Kentucky	38	.....	17	.....
Louisiana	66	.....	.....	14
Lower Provinces, B. N. A	194	.....	.....	.....
Maine	198	.....	.....	6
Manitoba	297	.....	.....	28
Maritime Provinces of Canada	.....	.....	49	.....
Maryland	.....	157	.....	13
Massachusetts	1,403	.....	.....	48
†Mexico (3 Lodges, 1 Encampment)	.....	5	2	.....
Michigan	.....	1,727	.....	90
Minnesota	309	.....	20	.....
Mississippi	18	.....	3	.....
Missouri	748	.....	10	.....
Montana	.....	12	6	.....
Nebraska	184	.....	.....	42
Netherlands (3 Lodges)	39	.....	.....	.....

*Five Lodges have been transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and but two have reported to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. †Report for 1894 from one Lodge not received. ‡Reports for 1894 from three Lodges not received. ‖Report for 1894 from one Encampment not received. ¿Report not due. ¶Report for 1894 not received.

MEMBERSHIP.

Increase and Decrease from January 1st to December 31st, 1894—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	LODGES.		ENCAMPMENTS.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Nevada	.....	54	.....	42
Newfoundland (1 Lodge)	33	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire	256	.....	11	.....
New Jersey	253	.....	.....	14
New Mexico	.....	30	.....	.....
*New Mexico (6 Encampments)	.....	.....	20	.....
New York	2,938	.....	246	.....
North Carolina	58	.....	51	.....
North Dakota	125	.....	.....	14
Ohio	99	.....	.....	153
Oklahoma	430	.....	6	.....
Ontario	1,104	.....	69	.....
Oregon	.....	131	.....	46
Pennsylvania	.....	1,031	.....	901
†Peru (2 Lodges, 1 Encampment)	.....	13	.....	.....
Quebec	194	.....	.....	.....
Rhode Island	.....	10	.....	61
Sandwich Islands (2 Lodges, 1 Encpt.)	.....	4	.....	2
Saskatchewan (1 Lodge)	.....	8	.....	.....
South Carolina	.....	16	.....	.....
South Carolina (2 Encampments)	.....	.....	.....	9
South Dakota	80	.....	.....	1
‡Sweden (9 Lodges, 2 Encampments)	184	.....	82	.....
Tennessee	.....	5	.....	6
Texas	637	.....	263	.....
Utah	.....	231	.....	45
Vermont	248	.....	70	.....
Virginia	397	.....	104	.....
Washington	.....	516	.....	160
West Virginia	301	.....	.....	32
Wisconsin	151	.....	.....	15
Wyoming	106	.....	10	.....
	16,555	5,920	1,206	2,978

Net gain in membership of Lodges, 10,635. Net loss in membership of Encampments, 1,772.

* Report for 1894 from one Encampment not received. † Encampment report for 1894 not received. ‡ Report from one Lodge not due.

REBEKAH LODGES.

Increase and Decrease from January 1st to December 31st, 1894.

JURISDICTION.	LODGES.		MEMBERSHIP.					
			Brothers.		Sisters.		Total.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Alabama	4		12		4		16	
*Alberta								
Arizona			4				4	
Arkansas	7		112		90		202	
British Columbia			1		32		33	
California	11		206		528		734	
Colorado	2			45	108		63	
Connecticut	5		136		231		367	
Delaware			3			2	1	
District of Columbia			25		30		55	
Florida			4		3		7	
Georgia				11	2			9
Idaho	3		15		2		17	
Illinois	49		1,131		1,532		2,663	
Indiana	33		640		1,287		1,927	
Indian Territory	2		21		18		39	
Iowa	43		1,919		2,122		4,041	
Kansas		1	237		611		848	
Kentucky				47		4		51
Louisiana				12		2		14
Lower Provinces, B. N. A	2		15		25		40	
Maine	4		215		340		555	
Manitoba			83		20		103	
Maryland	1		14		23		37	
Massachusetts	10		507		864		1,371	
Michigan	9		237		425		662	
Minnesota	9		234		450		684	
Mississippi	1		13		17		30	
Missouri	23		462		811		1,273	
Montana	1			101	23			78
Nebraska	6		15		66		81	
Nevada			12		13		25	
New Hampshire	7		368		539		907	
New Jersey	3			44	51		7	
New Mexico			21		28		49	
New York	12		280		475		755	
North Carolina	3		61		35		96	
North Dakota	1		11		63		74	
Ohio	13		397		1,124		1,521	
Oklahoma	6		109		100		209	
Ontario	5		201		256		457	
Oregon	7		86		228		314	
Pennsylvania	5		146		550		696	
†Quebec	6		196		173		369	
Rhode Island	2			2	54		52	
Sandwich Islands			5		8		13	
*South Carolina								
South Dakota	2		66		77		143	
Tennessee	2		112		138		250	
Texas	12		257		243		500	
Utah				128		33		161
Vermont	2		122		132		254	
Washington	3			151	18			133
West Virginia	4		32		51		83	
Wisconsin	15		130		323		453	
Wyoming	1		53		60		113	
	336	1	8,926	541	14,403	41	23,193	446

Net gain in number of Lodges, 335; in membership, Brothers, 8,385, Sisters, 14,362; total, 22,747.

*No report. †First report. A report has never been received from Virginia.

FINANCIAL.

The Balance Sheet, herewith, exhibits a loss for the year ending July 31, 1895, of $4,179.76, against $14,057.97 for the year ending August 20, 1894. It

was expected to show a profit, but the extraordinary appropriations at the last session, and the comparatively limited demand for supplies during the year, as appears by the tables of "Receipts," prevented an accomplishment of the object. It is not probable that such expenses as had to be met at the session of 1894, will have to be incurred in the near future, and now that business generally appears to be improving, we may reasonably expect to present a more favorable result at the session of 1896.

The usual tables of Receipts, Appropriations and Expenditures are appended. The cash received $57,350.60 has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, whose receipts, numbered from 1 to 108, have been submitted to the Committee on Finance.

Appropriations and Expenditures for the year ending July 31st, 1895.

	Appropriated.	Expended.	Unexpended.
Mileage and Per Diem	$27,386 44	$27,383 56	$2 88
Daily Journal	1,600 00	1,524 35	75 65
Revised Journal	7,000 00	5,664 07	1,335 93
Odes, Cards and Diplomas	2,700 00	1,710 55	989 45
*Officers' Printed Reports	800 00	902 77	
Salaries	6,900 00	6,251 66	648 34
Books and Charts	6,000 00	5,052 25	947 75
Fuel, Insurance, etc., for Gr. Sec'y's Office	300 00	168 16	131 84
Incidentals (Miscellaneous)	1,200 00	1,172 48	27 52
Postage on Officers' Reports and Daily Journals	540 00	540 00	
Clerk hire for Grand Sire	500 00	500 00	
*Veteran Jewels	2,500 00	2,830 78	
Rent of Box in Safe Deposit Company, Philadelphia	10 00		10 00
Care of Ridgely and Wildey Monuments	50 00	50 00	
Freight and cartage on boxes, Baltimore to Chattanooga and return	115 37	115 37	
Committee on Appeals	215 00	215 00	
Committee on Printing Supplies	85 20	85 20	
J. B. Blanks, Sub Com. on Finance	24 48	24 48	
Office Furniture, etc., for Grand Sire	150 00	150 00	
Herman Block, Special D. Grand Sire for Europe, 1893-4	300 00	300 00	
Rent of Office	2,500 00	2,291 63	208 37
J. C. Underwood, in full for services, etc.	1,000 00	1,000 00	
W. H. Leedy, services in Cohen Arbitration case	50 00	50 00	
Compiling New Digest and printing same	2,000 00		2,000 00
Herman Block, Special D. Grand Sire for Europe, 1894-5	500 00	500 00	
Printing 1000 copies of Journal, Vol. XVI, and indexing	1,200 00	109 00	1,091 00
James Young, advertising and postage, Com. on Removal of Headquarters	4 00	4 00	
Joseph Voegtle, Chairman Committe on Mileage and Per Diem	25 00	25 00	
Isaac A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer, expressage on currency	41 25		41 25
A. L. Voorhis, Custodian of Secret Work	30 00	30 00	
Wm. H. Spencer, Assistant Custodian of Secret Work	30 00	30 00	
W. A. Bobbitt, Assistant Grand Guardian	30 00	30 00	
Alex. Guthrie, Ass't Grand Messenger	30 00	30 00	

Appropriations and Expenditures for the year ending July 31st, 1895—Continued.

	Appropriated.	Expended.	Unexpended.
Committee on Rebekah Laws	$45 00	$45 00	
J. F. Plummer, Jr., services as Reading Clerk	30 00	30 00	
J. F. Plummer, Jr., Assistant to Grand Messenger	15 00	15 00	
Rep. Tax of New Mexico for 1893, remitted	75 00	75 00	
W. S. Frost, for writing up P. M. Records for 1892–3	508 75	508 75	
Special Committee on Transportation	114 76	114 76	
M. R. Muckle, auditing bills in Grand Secretary's office	25 68	25 68	
Cl. T. Campbell, Grand Sire, incidental expenses	45 00	45 00	
John Welsh, Grand Messenger, labor paid in arranging Meeting Hall	5 95	5 95	
W. E. Carlin, Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, postal cards	3 00	3 00	
Winona Daily Republican, printing circulars for W. G. Dye, Grand Marshal	6 75	6 75	
E. R. Shipley, Official Reporter	30 00	30 00	
C. H. Mayo, Janitor's services	25 00	25 00	
Portrait of Cl. T. Campbell, P. G. Sire	300 00	300 00	
Expenses of J. W. Stebbins, Grand Sire	53 02	53 02	
†Canton Tax of 1894, refunded	356 85	356 85	
Special Committee on Purchasing Property in Baltimore	127 04	127 04	
Patriarchs Militant Supplies	985 75	985 75	
Amount received from Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, defunct, returned to Grand Lodge of New Mexico	157 71	147 46	$10 25
‡W. S. Frost, services, per order of G. S.	83 33	83 33	
Jose Antonio Lopez, balance due him	7 18	7 18	
Fidelity and Deposit Co., bond of Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary	100 00	100 00	
Fidelity and Deposit Co., bond of Geo. Coburn, Ass't Gr. Sec'y	100 00	100 00	
Citizens Trust and Security Co., bond of I. A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer	70 00	70 00	
National Flags	300 00		300 00
	$69,387 51	$62,000 83	$7,820 23

Appropriated pp. 14,031, 14,032, 14,035, 14,053, 14,055, 14,068, 14,069, 14,070, 14,073, 14,103, 14,107, 14,108, 14,109, 14,134, 14,135, 14,147, 14,148, 14,153, 14,154, 14,169, 14,170, 14,171, 14,182 and general law $69,387 51

*Exceeded appropriation 433 55

$69,821 06

Deduct unexpended 7,820 23

Paid by Warrants on Grand Treasurer, Nos. 6268–6688, inclusive .. $62,000 83

†Ordered refunded by the Grand Sire. ‡Ordered paid by the Grand Sire.

RECEIPTS, *August 21st*, 1894, *to July 31st*, 1895.

GRAND LODGES.	Balances Aug. 21st, 1894.	Supplies.	Representative tax.	Totals.
Alabama		$152 95	$150 00	$302 95
Arizona	$64 50	30 00	75 00	169 50
Arkansas		324 16	150 00	474 16
Australasia	69 70	33		70 03
British Columbia		147 80	150 00	297 80
California		883 35	150 00	1,033 35
Colorado		413 22	150 00	563 22
Connecticut		609 87	150 00	759 87
Delaware		93 12	150 00	243 12
District of Columbia		100 91	150 00	250 91
Florida		66 80	150 00	216 80
Georgia		131 53	150 00	281 53
Idaho		112 80	150 00	262 80
Illinois		3,294 10	150 00	3,444 10
Indiana		1,869 25	150 00	2,019 25
Indian Territory		339 50	150 00	489 50
Iowa		2,149 60	150 00	2,299 60
Kansas		1,384 90	150 00	1,534 90
Kentucky		413 00	150 00	563 00
Louisiana		200 85	150 00	350 85
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.		145 10	150 00	295 10
Maine		837 50	150 00	987 50
Manitoba		191 30	150 00	341 30
Maryland		199 15	150 00	349 15
Massachusetts		1,820 10	150 00	1,970 10
Michigan		1,360 95	150 00	1,510 95
Minnesota		1,037 50	150 00	1,187 50
Mississippi		70 00	150 00	220 00
Missouri		1,460 82	150 00	1,610 82
Montana		299 10	150 00	449 10
Nebraska		627 40	150 00	777 40
Nevada		96 50	150 00	246 50
New Hampshire		831 66	150 00	981 66
New Jersey		386 00	150 00	536 00
New Mexico	159 70			159 70
New York		2,700 49	150 00	2,850 49
New Zealand		50 00		50 00
North Carolina		194 25	150 00	344 25
North Dakota		190 00	150 00	340 00
Ohio		1,716 45	150 00	1,866 45
Oklahoma	75 00	168 40	150 00	393 40
Ontario		819 85	150 00	969 85
Oregon		437 50	150 00	587 50
Pennsylvania		1,907 50	150 00	2,057 50
Quebec		230 55	150 00	380 55
Rhode Island		214 50	150 00	364 50
South Carolina		60 10	75 00	135 10
South Dakota		342 32	150 00	492 32
Switzerland		9 60		9 60
Tennessee		305 90	150 00	455 90
Texas		754 20	150 00	904 20
Utah	182 80	99 33	150 00	432 13
Vermont		336 25	150 00	486 25
Virginia		397 96	150 00	547 96
Washington		410 00	150 00	560 00
West Virginia		276 05	150 00	426 05
Wisconsin		750 00	150 00	900 00
Wyoming		52 81	150 00	202 81
Totals	$551 70	$34,505 13	$7,950 00	$43,006 83

RECEIPTS, *August* 21*st*, 1894, *to July* 31*st*, 1895—Continued.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balances Aug. 21st, 1894.	Supplies.	Representative Tax.	Totals.
Alabama	.....	$48 55	$75 00	$123 55
Arkansas	$75 00	1 80	.....	76 80
British Columbia	.....	26 50	75 00	101 50
California	.....	177 00	150 00	327 00
Colorado	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Connecticut	.....	24 00	150 00	174 00
Delaware	.....	14 00	75 00	89 00
District of Columbia	.....	10 96	75 00	85 96
Florida	.....	2 00	75 00	77 00
Georgia	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Idaho	.....	1 80	75 00	76 80
Illinois	.....	145 00	150 00	295 00
Indiana	.....	304 00	150 00	454 00
Iowa	.....	185 00	150 00	335 00
Kansas	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Kentucky	.....	6 00	150 00	156 00
Louisiana	.....	8 00	75 00	83 00
Maine	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Manitoba	.....	7 00	75 00	82 00
Maritime Provinces	.....	8 50	75 00	83 50
Maryland	.....	2 50	150 00	152 50
Massachusetts	.....	100 00	150 00	250 00
Michigan	.....	20 00	150 00	170 00
Minnesota	.....	44 50	150 00	194 50
Mississippi	.....	25 00	75 00	100 00
Missouri	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Montana	.....	16 00	75 00	91 00
Nebraska	.....	4 00	150 00	154 00
Nevada	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
New Hampshire	.....	20 00	150 00	170 00
New Jersey	.....	52 00	150 00	202 00
New York	.....	184 00	150 00	334 00
North Carolina	.....	12 30	75 00	87 30
North Dakota	.....	9 80	75 00	84 80
Ohio	.....	75 20	150 00	225 20
Oklahoma	162 72	13 90	75 00	251 62
Ontario	.....	68 40	150 00	218 40
Oregon	.....	2 00	150 00	152 00
Pennsylvania	.....	184 50	150 00	334 50
Rhode Island	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
South Dakota	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Tennessee	.....	4 00	75 00	79 00
Texas	.....	56 00	150 00	206 00
Utah	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Vermont	.....	93 65	150 00	243 65
Virginia	.....	42 40	75 00	117 40
Washington	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
West Virginia	.....	76 20	150 00	226 20
Wisconsin	.....	38 00	150 00	188 00
Wyoming	.....	50	75 00	75 50
Totals	$237 72	$2,144 96	$5,700 00	$8,082 68

RECEIPTS, *August* 21*st*, 1894, *to July* 31*st*, 1895—Continued.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.	Balances Aug. 21st, 1894.	Charters and supplies.	Dues.	Totals.
ALBERTA, CANADA.				
Alberta.....No. 1	.....	.....	$24 18	$24 18
Lethbridge..... " 2	.....	$9 00	21 65	30 65
Calgary..... " 3	.....	3 00	11 40	14 40
Mountain View..... " 4	.....	.....	26 55	26 55
Pincher Creek..... " 5	.....	.....	3 36	3 36
Innisfail..... " 6	.....	.....	9 80	9 80
Friendship..... " 7	.....	.....	14 20	14 20
ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.				
Medicine Hat.....No. 3	.....	6 50	14 65	21 15
Maple Creek..... " 5	.....	1 50	6 75	8 25
Alameda..... " 7	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
CUBA.				
Havana.....No. 4	.....	.....	22 55	22 55
Regla..... " 6	.....	.....	18 70	18 70
Hijos del Trabajo..... " 7	.....	17 25	6 60	23 85
ITALY, EUROPE.				
Colombo.....No. 1	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
MEXICO.				
Ridgely.....No. 1	.....	.....	26 54	26 54
Porfirio Diaz..... " 5	.....	.....	11 05	11 05
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.				
Paradise.....No. 1	.....	22 50	25 15	47 65
Mount Sinai..... " 2	.....	.....	23 51	23 51
Ware Bataven..... " 4	.....	.....	6 95	6 95
NEWFOUNDLAND.				
Atlantic.....No. 1	.....	.....	13 70	13 70
SANDWICH ISLANDS.				
Excelsior.....No. 1	$4 50	13 44	96 05	113 99
Harmony..... " 3	4 50	.....	37 35	41 85
SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA.				
Saskatchewan.....No. 1	.....	7 25	15 41	22 66
SWEDEN, EUROPE.				
Amicitia.....No. 3	.....	.....	90 77	90 77
John Ericsson..... " 4	.....	.....	173 46	173 46
Concordia..... " 5	.....	.....	34 66	34 66
Holmia..... " 6	.....	.....	118 80	118 80
Vestmannia..... " 7	.....	.....	19 24	19 24
Linnea..... " 8	.....	30 00	47 84	77 84
Gustaf II. Adolf..... " 9	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Sundry Subordinates.....	.....	10 25	.....	10 25
Pacific Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands.....	7 50	.....	.....	7 50
Totals.....	$16 50	$181 69	$920 87	$1,119 06

RECEIPTS, *August* 21*st*, 1894, *to July* 31*st*, 1895—Continued.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS, PATRIARCHS MILITANT AND INDIVIDUALS.	Balances Aug. 21st, 1894.	Charters and supplies.	Dues.	Totals.
ALBERTA, CANADA.				
Alberta ..... No. 1	.....	.....	$5 97	$5 97
ARIZONA.				
Granite ..... No. 1	.....	.....	6 65	6 65
Gila ..... " 3	.....	.....	4 90	4 90
Comet ..... " 4	.....	.....	8 75	8 75
Golden Rule ..... " 5	.....	.....	30 62	30 62
INDIAN TERRITORY.				
Ridgely ..... No. 1	.....	.....	3 68	3 68
Pushmataha ..... " 2	.....	$3 00	6 40	9 40
White Bead ..... " 3	.....	.....	7 05	7 05
Purcell ..... " 4	.....	.....	92	92
Coalgate ..... " 6	.....	3 00	4 90	7 90
MEXICO.				
Hidalgo ..... No. 1	.....	.....	2 41	2 41
NEW MEXICO.				
Las Vegas ..... No. 2	.....	.....	5 77	5 77
Centennial ..... " 3	.....	.....	6 50	6 50
Albuquerque ..... " 4	.....	.....	21 05	21 05
Raton ..... " 5	.....	.....	5 85	5 85
Wilderness ..... " 6	.....	3 00	5 35	8 35
OKLAHOMA.				
Oklahoma City ..... No. 2	.....	.....	1 96	1 96
SANDWICH ISLANDS.				
Polynesia ..... No. 1	.....	.....	19 36	19 36
SOUTH CAROLINA.				
Greenville ..... No. 6	.....	.....	82	82
Chicora ..... " 9	.....	.....	1 55	1 55
SWEDEN, EUROPE.				
Suecia ..... No. 1	.....	.....	20 91	20 91
Wasa ..... " 2	.....	.....	38 18	38 18
		$9 00	$209 55	$218 55
P. M. Current Account and Arrears.	.....	3,385 33	.....	3,385 33
Sundry Individuals	.....	263 15	.....	263 15
Totals	.....	$3,657 48	$209 55	$3,867 03

RECAPITULATED.

Receipts from Grand Lodges	$43,006 83
" " Grand Encampments	8,082 68
" " Subordinate Lodges	1,119 06
" " Subordinate Encampments	218 55
" " Patriarchs Militant	3,385 33
" " Individuals	263 15
	$56,075 60
Interest on R. R. Bonds	1,275 00
Total Cash paid to Grand Treasurer	$57,350 60

Ordinary revenue	$56,075 60	
Balances (Dr. $565 70, Cr. $51 79)	513 91	
	$56,589 51	
Amount August 20th, 1894, per Journal, 13,907	57,850 15	
Decrease for year, Aug. 21, 1894, to July 31, 1895	$1,260 64	

The balance sheet herewith, exhibits the Profit and Loss account, as follows:

Net profit on books		$11,128 33
" " Visiting and Withdrawal Cards		13,170 21
" " Rebekah Cards		2,515 58
" " Cards for a wife or widow		4 08
" " Dismissal Certificates		503 15
" " Rebekah Dismissal Certificates		61 12
" " Encampment Charts		85 00
" " Odes—Lodge, etc		698 73
" " Prayer Cards		5 86
" " Diplomas		428 30
" " Rebekah Certificates		30
" " Veteran, etc., Jewels		396 94
" " Petitions for Membership		1 26
" " Insurance and Defunct Certificates		206 10
" " Patriarchs Militant Supplies, etc		2,585 80
Total for Supplies		$31,790 76
Patriarchs Militant Arrears	$58 60	
Interest on Railroad Bonds	1,275 00	
Representative Tax	13,875 00	
Dues of Subordinates	1,209 22	
Charter Fees	54 00	
The Duhme Co	3 00	
		16,474 82
Total amount of credits		$48,265 58
Debits—Patriarchs Militant Tactics	$1 65	
Degree Charts	101 00	
Ridgely Monument	25 00	
Wildey Monument	25 00	
Annual expenses	9,779 94	
Seventieth Annual Session	42,512 49	
The Fraternal Manufacturing Co	26	
		52,445 34
Net loss		$4,179 76

ASSETS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer	$28,601 02
Railroad Bonds	30,000 00
Steel and Electrotype Plates	12,910 10
Library (cost of binding volumes)	1,198 83
Books, Cards, Odes, etc., at cost	19,791 82
Paintings and furniture	10,526 55
Balance due (Dr. $565 70, Cr. $51 79)	513 91
	$103,542 23
Amount August 20th, 1894	107,721 99
Decrease	$4,179 76

RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1893 AND 1894.

	Dec. 31st, 1893.	Dec. 31st, 1894.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges	55	56	1	
Grand Encampments	50	50		
Subordinate Lodges	10,295	10,592	297	
Subordinate Encampm'ts.	2,557	2,610	53	
Rebekah Lodges	3,292	3,627	335	
Lodge Initiations	72,807	63,845		8,962
Encampment Initiations	13,272	9,407		3,865
Lodge Members	780,160	790,795	10,635	
Encampment Members	136,102	134,330		1,772
Rebekah Members	202,442	225,189	22,747	
Relief by Lodges	$2,980,378 89	$2,993,457 69	$13,078 80	
Relief by Encampments	289,418 92	284,540 33		$4,878 59
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	43,172 58	45,313 94	2,141 36	
Total Relief	3,312,970 39	3,323,311 96	10,341 57	
Revenue of Lodges	7,547,515 49	7,474,338 06		73,177 43
Revenue of Encampments	650,566 77	615,932 07		34,634 70
Revenue of Rebek. Lodges	312,922 26	337,600 40	24,678 14	
Total Revenue	8,511,004 52	8,427,870 53		83,133 99

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1894, INCLUDING AUSTRALASIA, GERMANY, DENMARK AND SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges	2,012,848
Members relieved	1,902,562
Widowed families relieved	216,178
Members deceased	184,894
Total relief	$ 67,828,690.47
Total receipts	176,786,202.60

CONDITION OF THE ORDER, DECEMBER 31ST, 1894.

Sovereign Grand Lodge	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire, Australasia, Denmark and Switzerland)	4
Subordinate Grand Encampments	54
Subordinate Grand Lodges	66
Subordinate Encampments	2,633
Subordinate Lodges	10,940
Encampment members	135,443
Lodge members	815,947
Rebekah Lodges	3,631
Sisters, members of Rebekah Lodges	123,104
Brothers members of Rebekah Lodges	102,305

CONCLUSION.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge is assembled at its Seventy-first Annual Session in New Jersey's famous "city by the sea," the world renowned Atlantic City.

We read on the pages of our Journals that New Jersey Lodge, No. 1, at Camden, was chartered March 30, 1829, a little less than 10 years after Washington Lodge, No. 1, was organized in Baltimore. April 10th, 1829, Benevolent, No. 2, at Paterson, was chartered. Four years thereafter

(1833), Trenton, No. 3, at Trenton, was chartered. On the petition of the three Lodges, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey "was chartered and instituted by Grand Sire WILDEY, on August 3d, 1833, and his act was confirmed." Industry Encampment, No. 1, at Paterson, was chartered and instituted by Grand Sire WILDEY, July 4th, 1833. Trenton, No. 2, at Trenton, was chartered in 1837. Mount Ararat, No. 3, at Newark, March 30th, 1842. Olive Branch, No. 4, at Trenton, September 26th, 1842. Mount Sinai, No. 5, at Jersey City, March 22d, 1843. On May 11th, 1843, the Grand Encampment was instituted. The active participants in the work of the Order, in the early years of our history, WILDEY, KENNEDY, HOPKINS, RIDGELY, and others, have passed away, but their good deeds live after them, and the results prove that our esteemed Brethren, "builded better than they knew." It is worthy of remark that, although New Jersey is one of the oldest Jurisdictions in the country and that more than sixty-six years have passed since the first Lodge was planted on her soil, this is the first occasion that the Supreme tribunal of the Order has honored the State with its presence, to be received with the hearty welcome that the "true Jersey blue" citizen of an ever-loyal commonwealth, never hesitates to extend. You are welcomed by the Chief Executive of a small but progressive State; by the Mayor of an enterprising and beautiful city; by the highest authorities in our Order, the Grand Master, Grand Patriarch, and the President of the State Rebekah Assembly; and always and ever during your sojourn in the "city by the sea," you will find the open hands, not only of Odd Fellows, but of citizens generally, extending to you a sincere welcome to their hospitalities. The twenty-five thousand Odd Fellows of New Jersey greet you heartily, and bid you God speed in your mission of humanity, hoping, praying, and believing that your efforts in the future will be as abundantly blessed as they have been in the past, and that we may move on in the good work until "misfortune has no want to relieve, sorrow no tear to dry."

The record for the year 1894 is not so pleasing as we could desire; but the cause of the situation has been so frequently explained heretofore, that it seems useless to repeat that the depression in all branches of industry has been a potent factor in the decrease of admissions, and the additions to the large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. There is, however, no reason to be discouraged. We cannot expect the sun to shine every day, and we may confidently expect that, within a short time, the Order will show a marked improvement, and progress as it did in days gone by; indeed, all the information received is to the effect that a great reaction has taken place in many parts of the country; the suspended are asking to be re-instated, and new men are clamoring for admittance to our Lodges.

The tables accompanying this report are commended to the careful attention of the Representatives, and will no doubt receive due consideration.

It is my earnest hope that the present session in the pavilion on the broad Atlantic, above the breakers that unceasingly roll over the sands, will prove so pleasant an episode in the lives of all who are present, that when they return to their distant homes, they may one and all say, "it was good for us to be there."

Fraternally,

Theo. A. Rolf

Grand Secretary.

TABLES ACCOMPANYING REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES *on hand August 20th*, 1894, *received and disposed of during the year, and on hand July 31st*, 1895.

	On hand Aug. 20th, 1894, as per Journal, p. 13,910.	Received during the year.	Totals.	Disposed of during the year.	On hand July 31st, 1895.
Grand Lodge Books	165	.....	165	11	154
Grand Encampment Books	155	.....	155	19	136
*Lodge Institution Books	524	1,010	1,534	39	1,495
†Lodge Charge Books (1880)	398	.....	398	.....	398
‡Degree Charge Books (1880)	386	.....	386	.....	386
‖Lodge Rituals	3,296	3,047	6,343	3,839	3,504
Subordinate Lodge Floor Work	1,178	1,013	2,191	910	1,281
*Rebekah Lodge Insti. and Install. Books	532	.....	532	21	511
*Rebekah Lodge Rituals	511	3,035	3,546	1,751	1,795
Rebekah Lodge Floor Work	1,865	.....	1,865	621	1,244
Rekekah Installation Floor Work	883	.....	883	545	338
Encampment Institution Books	96	.....	96	2	94
*Encampment Installation Books	952	1,014	1,966	85	1,881
*Encampment Charge Books	957	1,022	1,979	554	1,425
Encampment Ode Books	3,206	.....	3,206	922	2,284
Encampment Floor Work	3,186	.....	3,186	48	3,138
Patriarchs Militant Rituals	406	.....	406	42	364
Patriarchs Militant Tactics	492	.....	492	126	366
Patriarchs Militant Organization	410	.....	410	.....	410
P. M. Regulations and Army Register	3,625	.....	3,625	8	3,617
Digest to 1889	542	.....	542	299	243
Book of Odes, with Music	914	.....	914	514	400
Book of Forms	633	1,004	1,637	781	856
§Revised Bound Journals	4,341	.....	4,341	896	3,445
Question Books	123	505	628	123	505
Anniversary Ceremony	871	1,010	1,881	402	1,479
*Funeral Ceremony	3,006	.....	3,006	1,319	1,687
*Rebekah Burial Ceremony	2,198	.....	2,198	723	1,475
Memorial Ceremony	.....	3,097	3,097	1,756	1,341
Degree Charts	238	1,300	1,538	366	1,172
Encampment Charts	1,796	.....	1,796	60	1,736
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards (Sub.)	21,784	65,400	87,184	71,699	15,485
Dismissal Certificates	5,861	3,000	8,861	2,665	6,196
Rebekah Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	4,520	12,000	16,520	13,481	3,039
Rebekah Dismissal Certificates	905	.....	905	326	579
Wife or Widow's Cards	104	.....	104	24	80
Defunct Certificates	3,501	.....	3,501	270	3,231
Insurance Certificates	829	.....	829	108	721
Petitions for Membership	7,513	7,000	14,513	6,250	8,263
*Diplomas	2,155	1,500	3,655	856	2,799
Rebekah Certificates	307	.....	307	6	301
¶Subordinate and Rebekah Odes	30,840	30,200	61,040	37,775	23,265
*Prayer Cards	1,789	.....	1,789	392	1,397
Veteran Jewels	.....	408	408	408	.....
Rebekah Veteran Jewels	.....	23	23	23	.....
Honorable Veteran Jewels	.....	17	17	17	.....
Decorations of Chivalry	.....	42	42	42	.....
Commandant's Money Order Books	95	.....	95	21	74
Accountant's Receipt Books	98	.....	98	15	83
Chevaliers' Roster	8	106	114	18	96
Roll Call of Canton	95	.....	95	19	76
Applications for Active Membership	1,078	.....	1,078	536	542
Applications for Honorary Membership	2,384	.....	2,384	26	2,358
Certificates of Honorable Discharge	2,165	.....	2,165	298	1,867
Warrants for Cantons	.....	1,000	1,000	17	983
Proclamations for Degree Work	298	.....	298	9	289
Commissions, Active	2,609	3,020	5,629	2,625	3,004
Commissions, Retired	.....	1,004	1,004	22	982
Non-Commissioned Warrants	1,441	3,051	4,492	470	4,022

*English and German. †270 in sheets not bound. ‡260 in sheets not bound. ‖English, German, French, Spanish, Bohemian, Norwegian, Italian and Swedish. §854 volumes to Grand Representatives. ¶Subordinate Odes—English, German, French, Spanish, Norwegian and Swedish. Rebekah Odes—English and German.

LEDGER BALANCES, *August* 1*st*, 1895.

Page.	LEDGER No. 7.	DR.	CR.
1	Stock		$103,542 23
6	I. A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer	$28,601 02	
20	Phila., Wilmington and Baltimore R. R. Bonds	15,000 00	
21	Lehigh Valley Railroad Bonds	15,000 00	
22	Grand Lodge Degree Book	77 00	
25	Grand Encampment Degree Book	42 16	
28	Subordinate Lodge Institution Book	388 70	
31	Subordinate Lodge Charge Book	170 60	
32	Subordinate Lodge Degree Book	153 60	
33	Subordinate Lodge Ritual	1,156 32	
37	Subordinate Lodge Floor Work	192 15	
41	Rebekah Lodge Institution and Installation Book	127 75	
42	Rebekah Lodge Ritual	484 65	
46	Rebekah Lodge Floor Work	174 16	
50	Rebekah Installation Floor Work	47 32	
54	Subordinate Encampment Institution Book	21 62	
56	Subordinate Encampment Installation Book	470 25	
58	Subordinate Encampment Charge Book	470 25	
62	Subordinate Encampment Ode Book	112 00	
65	Subordinate Encampment Floor Work	533 46	
68	Patriarchs Militant Ritual	265 72	
71	Patriarchs Militant Tactics	292 80	
74	Patriarchs Militant Organization	102 50	
75	Patriarchs Militant Regulations and Army Register	3,498 80	
77	Digest to 1889	388 80	
82	Book of Odes with Music	80 00	
85	Book of Forms	256 80	
89	Revised Bound Journals	5,167 50	
93	Question Book	111 10	
96	Anniversary Ceremony	177 48	
99	Funeral Ceremony	168 70	
103	Rebekah Burial Ceremony	88 50	
106	Memorial Ceremony	147 51	
109	Degree Chart	586 00	
113	Encampment Chart	1,041 60	
117	Cards, Visiting and Withdrawal	270 99	
121	Dismissal Certificate	185 88	
124	Rebekah Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	60 78	
128	Rebekah Dismissal Certificate	7 23	
130	Wife or Widow's Card	2 40	
132	Defunct Certificate	258 48	
135	Insurance Certificates	86 40	
138	Petitions for Membership	20 66	
141	Diplomas	279 90	
145	Rebekah Certificate	45 15	
147	Odes, Lodge, Rebekah, Anniversary and Funeral	396 05	
155	Prayer Card	20 95	
181	Patriarchs Militant Supplies	1,161 15	

LEDGER BALANCES, *August 1st*, 1895.—Continued.

Page.	LEDGER No. 7.	DR.	CR.
201	Electrotype Plates	$8,310 00	
202	Steel and Copper Plates	4,600 10	
203	Furniture and Fixtures	10,526 55	
204	Library	1,198 83	
239	Grand Encampment of Arkansas	75 00	
266	Grand Lodge of Denmark	39 00	
426	Grand Lodge of New Mexico	110 00	
442	Grand Lodge of New Zealand	76 87	
501	Grand Encampment of South Dakota	75 00	
513	Grand Lodge of Texas	8 00	
552	Grand Lodge of Wyoming	1 70	
562	Pacific Lodge, No. 2, Valparaiso, Chile	54 57	
562	Germania Lodge, No. 4, Valdivia, Chile	1 66	
563	Concepcion Lodge, No. 11, Concepcion, Chile	32 02	
563	Cuba Lodge, No. 3, Havana, Cuba		$26 39
564	Havana Lodge, No. 4, Havana, Cuba		1 20
564	Regla Lodge, No. 6, Regla, Cuba	5 00	
565	Hijos del Trabajo Lodge, No. 7, Havana, Cuba	85 45	
567	Far East Lodge, No. 1, Yokohama, Japan, Asia	60	
568	Ridgely Lodge, No. 1, City of Mexico, Mexico		3 45
573	Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Honolulu, Sandw'h Is.	38	
619	W. H. Austin, North Berwick, Maine		1 50
630	Canton Lincoln, No. 22, Sterling, Illlnois	45	
630	N. W. Brenan, St. John, New Brunswick, Can.		4 50
630	F. W. Lewis, Salt Lake City, Utah		14 75
		$103,594 02	$103,594 02

BALANCE SHEET, *Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

BALTIMORE, MD., JULY 31st, 1894.	Page.	Face of the Ledger.		Supplies.		Profit and Loss.		Stock.		Balances.	
		DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.
Stock	1		$107,721 99						$107,721 99		
Cash	5	$57,350 60	57,350 60								
Isaac A. Sheppard, Gr. Treas.	6	90,601 85	62,000 83							$28,601 02	
Interest	16		1,275 00				$1,275 00				
Railroad Bonds	20–21	30,000 00								30,000 00	
Supplies	22–164	30,227 84	42,124 13	$30,227 84	$42,124 13						
Electro., Steel and Copper Plates.	201–202	12,910 10								12,910 10	
Furniture and Library	203–204	11,725 38								11,725 38	
Wildey and Ridgely Monuments.	205–206	50 00				$50 00					
Annual Expenses	207	10,260 31	480 37			9,779 94					
Seventieth Annual Session	214	42,749 49	237 00			42,512 49					
Representative Tax and Dues	219–221		15,084 22				15,084 22				
Charters	224		54 00				54 00				
Gr. & Sub. Bodies & Individuals	227–588	61,302 67	60,772 70				2 74			565 25	$32 54
Patriarchs Militant Arrears,	590		58 60				58 60				
Patriarchs Militant Current Acc't	630	3,307 93	3,326 73							45	19 25
		$350,486 17	$350,486 17								
		Supplies per Invent'y			19,791 82					19,791 82	
		Profit		31.688 11			31,688 11				
				$61,915 95	$61,915 95						
				Net Loss			4,179 76	$4,179 76			
						$52,342 43	$52,342 43				
						Capital		$103,542 23			
								$107,721 99	$107,721 99		
								Assets		$103,594 02	
								Liabilities			$51 79
								Net Capital			103,542 23
										$103,594 02	$103,594 02

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the December 31st, 1894, and name of Grand Lodge char-*

JURISDICTION.	Lodges.	Members, Dec. 31, 1893.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	
Alabama	84	3,291	.....	474	74	70	3,909
Arizona	14	668	.....	75	24	10	777
Arkansas	133	4,288	.....	492	155	75	5,010
British Columbia	33	2,154	2	985	106	7	3,254
California	357	30,741	.....	1,579	439	175	32,934
Colorado	104	7,480	.....	488	234	80	8,282
Connecticut	79	14,646	.....	779	44	35	15,504
Delaware	34	2,995	.....	104	8	5	3,112
District of Columbia	20	2,282	.....	208	47	10	2,547
Florida	37	1,148	1	190	58	15	1,412
Georgia	103	5,131	.....	432	99	55	5,717
Idaho	43	1,619	4	143	40	11	1,817
Illinois	838	49,255	.....	4,798	972	566	55,591
Indiana	610	41,181	.....	2,774	483	346	44,784
Indian Territory	29	1,018	32	341	137	.....	1,528
Iowa	590	33,873	.....	3,603	786	272	38,534
Kansas	412	23,100	.....	1,834	594	224	25,752
Kentucky	171	8,203	.....	603	144	58	9,008
Louisiana	32	1,283	.....	228	59	23	1,593
Lower Provinces, B. N. A	61	4,350	.....	486	77	23	4,936
Maine	132	20,333	.....	925	54	31	21,343
Manitoba	33	1,963	.....	458	111	36	2,568
Maryland	109	9,385	.....	697	29	25	10,136
Massachusetts	231	47,272	12	2,839	199	76	50,398
Michigan	435	25,174	.....	2,011	497	433	28,115
Minnesota	222	14,175	.....	1,430	392	146	16,143
Mississippi	38	1,598	12	252	55	72	1,989
Missouri	496	25,278	.....	2,553	568	283	28,682
Montana	48	2,579	.....	281	132	39	3,031
Nebraska	200	9,179	.....	680	308	105	10,272
Nevada	25	1,518	.....	71	6	6	1,601
New Hampshire	90	11,990	.....	549	61	50	12,650
New Jersey	245	24,441	.....	1,726	108	63	26,338
New Mexico	18	842	1	64	12	12	931
New York	724	67,187	2	7,855	1,033	364	76,441
North Carolina	109	4,277	.....	755	66	90	5,188
North Dakota	47	2,199	28	244	33	36	2,540
Ohio	713	61,944	.....	2,881	422	454	65,701
Oklahoma	27	1,016	.....	373	246	13	1,648
Ontario	262	20,558	....	2,238	196	163	23,155
Oregon	120	5,940	.....	348	98	70	6,456
Pennsylvania	1,083	108,739	.....	6,297	607	560	116,203
Quebec	21	1,785	.....	281	65	6	2,137
Rhode Island	51	6,402	1	280	38	19	6,740
South Carolina	23	801	.....	121	33	20	975
South Dakota	88	3,857	.....	356	99	142	4,454
*Sweden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	145	5,018	.....	582	127	114	5,841
Texas	215	7,487	.....	1,278	449	159	9,373
Utah	21	1,485	18	47	32	10	1,592
Vermont	52	4,272	11	425	33	20	4,761
Virginia	113	6,575	.....	1,083	69	43	7,770
Washington	145	7,951	4	557	146	51	8,709
West Virginia	132	8,365	.....	919	193	58	9,535
Wisconsin	333	17,259	91	1,263	301	167	19,081
Wyoming	19	895	.....	131	39	9	1,074
	10,549	778,445	219	63,466	11,437	6,005	859,572

* Instituted July 8th, 1895.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to tered between August 28th, 1894, and July 31st, 1895.

JURISDICTION.	DEDUCT.						Members Dec. 31, 1894.
	Error in last report.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.	
Alabama	.....	128	591	8	32	759	3,150
Arizona	.....	15	114	.....	9	138	639
Arkansas	.....	123	451	22	37	633	4,377
British Columbia	4	81	135	5	14	239	3,015
California	.....	382	1,439	40	388	2,249	30,685
Colorado	74	142	1,082	13	74	1,385	6,897
Connecticut	.....	78	427	7	135	647	14,857
Delaware	.....	9	157	.....	28	194	2,918
District of Columbia	.....	42	183	2	32	259	2,288
Florida	.....	51	95	5	13	164	1,248
Georgia	.....	144	783	19	57	1,003	4,714
Idaho	.....	38	202	5	15	260	1,557
Illinois	.....	952	3,539	106	450	5,047	50,544
Indiana	.....	463	1,965	69	399	2,896	41,888
Indian Territory	.....	49	114	8	13	184	1,344
Iowa	31	708	1,642	133	272	2,786	35,748
Kansas	57	734	2,157	49	143	3,140	22,612
Kentucky	44	131	466	13	113	767	8,241
Louisiana	.....	38	181	2	23	244	1,349
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	.....	98	260	2	32	392	4,544
Maine	.....	123	442	8	239	812	20,531
Manitoba	.....	83	212	2	11	308	2,260
Maryland	125	38	583	11	151	908	9,228
Massachusetts	23	295	835	25	545	1,723	48,675
Michigan	987	645	2,796	29	211	4,668	23,447
Minnesota	10	314	1,209	20	106	1,659	14,484
Mississippi	4	58	291	5	15	373	1,616
Missouri	.....	515	1,867	60	214	2,656	26,026
Montana	6	79	355	3	21	464	2,567
Nebraska	15	288	535	13	58	909	9,363
Nevada	.....	17	86	2	32	137	1,464
New Hampshire	.....	76	182	2	144	404	12,246
New Jersey	36	135	1,154	23	296	1,644	24,694
New Mexico	.....	33	77	3	6	119	812
New York	.....	1,057	4,313	69	877	6,316	70,125
North Carolina	.....	158	637	8	50	853	4,335
North Dakota	.....	70	116	4	26	216	2,324
Ohio	.....	406	2,428	91	733	3,658	62,043
Oklahoma	.....	56	127	10	9	202	1,446
Ontario	.....	296	1,047	13	137	1,493	21,662
Oregon	36	96	462	11	42	647	5,809
Pennsylvania	.....	628	6,410	62	1,395	8,495	107,708
Quebec	8	47	96	.....	7	158	1,979
Rhode Island	6	43	216	.....	83	348	6,392
South Carolina	.....	45	134	5	6	190	785
South Dakota	.....	124	366	3	24	517	3,937
*Sweden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	.....	157	622	14	35	828	5,013
Texas	.....	309	825	21	94	1,249	8,124
Utah	27	40	254	3	14	338	1,254
Vermont	12	75	106	5	43	241	4,520
Virginia	.....	115	597	18	68	798	6,972
Washington	.....	166	1,029	19	60	1,274	7,435
West Virginia	.....	150	608	19	92	869	8,666
Wisconsin	.....	368	1,096	22	185	1,671	17,410
Wyoming	.....	16	41	8	8	73	1,001
	1,505	11,527	48,137	1,119	8,316	70,604	788,968

* Instituted July 8th, 1895.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the December 31st, 1894, and name of Grand Lodge chartered*

JURISDICTION.	Brothers relieved.	Weeks' benefits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	Brothers buried.	Paid for the relief of Brothers.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.
Alabama	421	1,242	67	32	$6,394 62	$502 11
Arizona	56	276	1	9	2,126 60	10 00
Arkansas	383	1,084	17	37	3,710 45	202 15
British Columbia	285	1,606	6	14	13,254 47	285 00
California	3,760	30,033	215	388	205,367 22	13,499 45
Colorado	729	4,436	36	74	21,932 40	1,023 59
Connecticut	661	12,248	31	135	42,839 80	716 90
Delaware	385	2,989	18	28	12,096 00	582 19
District of Columbia	336	2,164	38	32	5,899 00	3,168 25
Florida	105	399	8	13	1,231 97	502 00
Georgia	477	2,745	46	57	7,852 25	933 89
Idaho	134	501	9	15	3,206 00	197 00
Illinois	5,195	23,115	445	450	85,297 95	4,682 86
Indiana	5,175	28,237	347	399	111,936 15	4,503 58
Indian Territory	122	615	7	13	3,372 26	80 00
Iowa	2,446	12,415	168	272	38,780 57	5,386 35
Kansas	1,455	8,551	55	143	27,420 44	957 89
Kentucky	1,098	6,267	251	113	23,477 05	4,426 04
Louisiana	138	604	40	23	2,715 55	431 00
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	392	1,993	26	32	5,109 90	291 56
Maine	2,100	20,186	56	239	61,595 95	827 75
Manitoba	159	849	26	11	3,267 37	869 85
Maryland	1,716	15,044	187	151	30,260 61	16,032 18
Massachusetts	5,454	40,108	383	545	125.836 33	6,008 65
Michigan	1,374	7,065	114	211	28,516 96	2,808 20
Minnesota	886	4,247	62	106	14,227 22	1,678 85
Mississippi	241	658	22	15	2,766 30	390 50
Missouri	2,753	11,928	613	214	34,991 70	12,206 00
Montana	232	1,631	15	21	7,235 85	610 00
Nebraska	661	2,534	100	58	9,718 09	882 60
Nevada	180	1,181	9	32	6,766 65	358 00
New Hampshire	1,655	13,727	17	144	32,609 98	339 46
New Jersey	2,987	25,806	130	296	101,591 64	2,189 28
New Mexico	73	294	6	6	2,318 70	68 20
New York	8,257	43,819	434	877	184,183 57	9,010 55
North Carolina	538	2,136	22	50	5,614 51	226 28
North Dakota	123	502	.....	26	1,910 46	.....
Ohio	6,235	48,661	614	733	145,719 22	9,446 95
Oklahoma	104	274	1	9	1,184 44	10 00
Ontario	3,000	14,512	156	137	53,096 37	15,372 20
Oregon	670	3,303	20	42	18,702 07	956 73
Pennsylvania	15,416	121,233	842	1,395	412,875 99	6,579 50
Quebec	271	1,045	32	7	4,727 58	779 50
Rhode Island	612	7,995	26	83	22,455 05	272 99
South Carolina	133	352	12	6	1,339 93	67 00
South Dakota	285	1,132	4	24	3,399 70	117 05
*Sweden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	458	1,627	87	35	7,384 15	1,827 10
Texas	932	2,644	44	94	10,285 75	586 30
Utah	127	650	7	14	3,151 80	223 85
Vermont	391	3,103	2	43	7,725 18	129 99
Virginia	1,103	5,542	171	68	14,296 00	5,251 00
Washington	757	3,441	24	60	17,953 30	516 00
West Virginia	1,244	5,329	52	92	19,628 25	775 14
Wisconsin	982	5,469	.....	185	17,848 83	2,541 19
Wyoming	74	502	15	8	3,045 15	336 00
	85,936	560,049	6,136	8,316	$2,042,251 40	$142,476 65

*Instituted July 8th, 1895.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to between August 28th, 1894, and July 31st, 1895—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	Paid for the relief of orphans.	Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.
Alabama	.....	$184 12	$1,451 25	$936 90	$9,469 00
Arizona	.....	.....	530 00	246 00	2,912 60
Arkansas	$6 75	.....	1,183 55	717 25	5,820 15
British Columbia	60 00	.....	1,093 00	544 00	15,236 47
California	.....	286 08	30,806 38	18,519 46	268,469 59
Colorado	.....	.....	3,206 02	.....	26,162 01
Connecticut	.....	57 00	10,052 75	11,232 64	64,899 09
Delaware	.....	12 00	4,087 65	509 77	17,087 61
District of Columbia	30 00	.....	739 00	945 28	10,781 53
Florida	.....	22 50	590 00	173 00	2,519 47
Georgia	.....	135 35	3,070 00	808 34	12,799 83
Idaho	.....	.....	605 70	567 50	4,576 20
Illinois	975 76	.....	29,873 10	14,188 73	135,018 40
Indiana	597 33	.....	28,043 04	10,548 32	155,628 42
Indian Territory	.....	52 10	790 50	157 30	4,452 16
Iowa	86 00	.....	11,060 09	4,469 40	59,782 41
Kansas	.....	945 98	5,900 81	9,044 99	44,270 11
Kentucky	123 15	224 23	5,335 16	2,348 06	35,933 69
Louisiana	58 00	.....	756 90	346 55	4,308 00
Lower Provinces, B. N. A	.....	.....	917 50	314 80	6,633 76
Maine	.....	26 00	10,047 46	2,660 97	75,158 13
Manitoba	.....	.....	705 25	1,130 18	5,972 65
Maryland	.....	89 34	6,925 11	1,244 08	54,551 32
Massachusetts	544 72	.....	31,575 12	29,911 42	193,876 24
Michigan	.....	31 00	7,494 21	4,554 79	43,405 16
Minnesota	.....	.....	3,389 70	5,443 72	24,739 49
Mississippi	.....	70 10	1,346 50	.....	4,573 40
Missouri	.....	6,910 17	9,096 15	6,053 26	69,257 28
Montana	.....	.....	1,030 30	1,229 37	10,105 52
Nebraska	.....	.....	1,432 55	2,995 55	15,028 79
Nevada	.....	.....	1,841 78	339 55	9,305 98
New Hampshire	.....	.....	7,128 85	5,226.96	45,305 25
New Jersey	115 49	.....	29,859 65	5,330 67	139,086 73
New Mexico	15 00	.....	417 00	343 95	3,162 85
New York	811 28	657 02	91,680 47	2,803 75	289,146 64
North Carolina	.....	98 46	1,331 28	1,081 50	8,352 03
North Dakota	.....	.....	948 46	1,229 03	4,087 95
Ohio	.....	491 19	30,109 86	23,189 38	208,956 60
Oklahoma	.....	.....	403 25	183 50	1,781 19
Ontario	.....	1,546 37	6,899 26	2,641 24	79,555 44
Oregon	.....	.....	2,698 15	1,457 65	23,814 60
Pennsylvania	.....	5,477 89	134,478 60	21,550 98	580,962 96
Quebec	.....	100 00	239 50	436 42	6,283 00
Rhode Island	.....	45 00	3,978 00	8,490 54	35,241 58
South Carolina	.....	36 00	170 00	.....	1,612 93
South Dakota	.....	35 00	883 00	1,177 92	5,612 67
*Sweden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	.....	1,272 50	1,725 00	929 55	13,138 30
Texas	.....	102 90	3,962 15	2,163 94	17,101 14
Utah	.....	.....	1,041 60	616 53	5,033 78
Vermont	.....	.....	2,089 52	487 86	10,432 55
Virginia	.....	.....	4,953 00	1,538 00	26,038 00
Washington	.....	.....	2,243 30	3,954 00	24,666 60
West Virginia	.....	54 54	4,682 47	2,329 89	27,470 29
Wisconsin	.....	47 00	8,930 06	2,273 07	31,640,15
Wyoming	102 00	46 00	563 23	194 00	4,286 38
	$3,525 48	$19,055 84	$556,392 19	$221,802 51	$2,985,704 07

*Instituted July 8th, 1895.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to December 31st, 1894, and names and location of Lodges chartered between August 31st, 1894, and July 31st, 1895.*

LODGES.	LOCATION.	Members Dec. 31, 1893.	ADD.				Total.	DEDUCT.						Members Dec. 31, 1894.	Past Grands.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.		Error in last report.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.		
ALBERTA, CANADA.															
Alberta ..... No. 1	Calgary	98	....	7	1	1	107	....	2	10	....	....	12	95	16
*Lethbridge ..... " 2	Lethbridge	66	....	1	1	...	68	....	2	9	....	....	11	57	10
Calgary ..... " 3	Calgary	64	....	1	....	....	65	....	.....	12	....	....	12	53	9
*Mountain View ..... " 4	Fort McLeod	39	..	5	1	1	46	...	3	4	....	....	7	39	6
Pincher Creek ..... " 5	Pincher Creek	12	....	....	2	....	14	....	.....	4		....	4	10	6
*Innisfail ..... " 6	Innisfail	15	....	5	1	....	21	...	1	5	....	....	6	15	2
Friendship ..... " 7	Edmonton	29	....	2	2	....	33	....	.....	....	....	2	2	31	2
ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.															
†Valley ..... No. 1	Moose Jaw	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Moosomin ..... " 2	Moosomin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Hat ..... " 3	Medicine Hat	51	..	2	....	....	53	....	1	....	...	....	1	52	9
†Estevan ..... " 4	Estevan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maple Creek ..... " 5	Maple Creek	30	...	4	....	....	34	..	2	....		....	2	32	3
†Regina ..... " 6	Regina	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Alameda ..... " 7	Alameda	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.															
‖Valparaiso ..... No. 1	Valparaiso	51	....	.....	.....	....	51	....	.....	....	...	....	.....	51	....
Pacific ..... " 2	Valparaiso	44	....	2	1	....	47	....	2	....	....	....	2	45	8
¿Germania ..... " 4	Valdivia	29	....	.....	.....	.....	29	....	29	...	....	....	29	.....	....
Concepcion ..... " 11	Concepcion	30	.....	..	....	....	30	....	2	....	....	2	4	26	5
CUBA.															
‖Cuba ..... No. 3	Havana	25	...	...	....	....	25	....	... ..	....	....	....	.....	25	....
‖Havana ..... " 4	Havana	55	....	.....	.....	....	55	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	55	....
¶Regla ..... " 6	Regla	75	....	21	1	11	108	..	10	50	....	....	60	48	7
**Hijos del Trabajo ..... " 7	Havana	109	....	12	1	....	122	....	5	34	....	2	41	81	3
FRANCE, EUROPE.															
Concorde ..... No. 1	Havre	60	..	8		....	68	....	.....	13	....	1	14	54	4
Fraternite ..... " 2	Havre	29	....	8	....	....	37	....	.....	7	....	2	9	28	4
ITALY, EUROPE.															
††Colombo ..... No. 1	Naples	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

JAPAN, ASIA.																		
‖Far East	No.	1	Yokohama	34	....	....	....	....	34	....	.....	....	....		.....	34	3
MEXICO.																		
Ridgely	No.	1	City of Mexico	38	....	11	3	1	53	....	4	1	....	....	5	48	8
‖Juarez	"	2	City of Mexico	40	....	....	....	..	40	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	40	....
Porfirio Diaz	"	5	Ciudad Porfirio Diaz.	47	....	4	....	....	51	....	6	13	..	....	19	32	2
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.																		
Paradise..	No.	1	Amsterdam	60	....	19	....	....	79	....	9	3	....	....	12	67	4
Mount Sinai	"	2	Amsterdam	57	....	18	....	....	75	....	1	3	....	1	5	70	6
⁂Prins Hendrik	"	3	Zutphen	15	....	....	..	..	15		15	....	....	....	15	.....	....
‡‡Ware Bataven	"	4	Amsterdam	.....	....	28	7	....	35	....	1	....	...	....	1	34	....
NEWFOUNDLAND.																		
‡‡Atlantic..	No.	1	St. John's	.....	....	28	5	....	33	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	33	1
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.																		
Lima	No.	1	Lima	32	....	....	....	....	32	....	.....	8	....	3	11	21	8
Chalaco	"	4	Callao	22	....	....	....	...	22	....	.....	....	...	2	2	20	6
SANDWICH ISLANDS.																		
Excelsior	No.	1	Honolulu	114	....	4	3	..	121	....	.....	5	....	2	7	114	24
Harmony	"	3	Honolulu	65	....	6	....	....	71	....	1	8	....	1	10	61	15
SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA.																		
Saskatchewan	No.	1	Battleford	37	....	3	...	....	40	....	.....	11	....	....	11	29	5
SWEDEN, EUROPE.																		
⁂Scania	No.	1	Malmo	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....
⁂Veritas	"	2	Trelleborg	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....
Amicitia	"	3	Malmo..	122	....	15	3	....	140	....	6	2	....	....	8	132	9
John Ericsson	"	4	Stockholm	93	...	59	....	....	152	....	7	....	1	1	9	143	5
Concordia	"	5	Eslof	28	....	18	....	...	46	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	46	1
‡‡Holmia	"	6	Stockholm	.....	....	53	5	....	58	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	58	1
¶¶Vestmannia	"	7	Vesteras	.....	....	9	8	....	17	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	17	....
***Linnea	"	8	Ystad	.....	....	26	5	....	31	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	31	....
†††Gustaf II. Adolf	"	9	Gothenburg	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....
				1,715	...	379	50	14	2,158	....	109	202	1	19	331	1,827	192
Lodges Nos. 2, 4 and 6 of Alberta and No. 7 of Assiniboia placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Lodges of Sweden transferred to the Grand Lodge of Sweden				.....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	538	....	....	....	538	538	34
				1,715	....	379	50	14	2,158	....	647	202	1	19	869	1,289	158

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ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to December 31st, 1894, and names and location of Lodges chartered between August 31st, 1894, and July 31st, 1895.* —Continued.

LODGES.			Brothers relieved.	Weeks' benefits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	Brothers buried.	Paid for the relief of Brothers.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.	Paid for education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
ALBERTA, CANADA.													
Alberta	No.	1	4	25	....	....	$103 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$103 00	$422 75
*Lethbridge	"	2	2	31	1	.	160 00	$50 00	.....	.....	$25 00	235 00	433 00
Calgary	"	3	3	4	....	....	20 00	.....	.....	....	.....	20 00	227 85
*Mountain View	"	4	2	26	....	.	56 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 00	530 90
Pincher Creek	"	5	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67 35
*Innisfail	"	6	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	196 15
Friendship	"	7	2	11	....	2	33 00	.....	.....	$75 00	.....	108 00	283 50
ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.													
†Valley	No.	1	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Moosomin	"	2	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Hat	"	3	3	10	....	....	50 00	.....	....	.....	.....	50 00	293 25
†Estevan	"	4	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maple Creek	"	5	1	2	....	....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	135 00
†Regina	"	6	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Alameda	"	7	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.													
‖Valparaiso	No.	1	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pacific	"	2	2	25	2		250 00	240 00	.....	.....	.....	490 00	1,058 00
§Germania	"	4	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concepcion	"	11	4	24	1	2	240 00	200 00	.....	150 00	.....	590 00	607 00
CUBA.													
‖Cuba	No.	3	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖Havana	"	4	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
¶Regla	"	6	22	91	1	....	736 75	12 50	.....	.....	23 60	772 85	1,223 10
**Hijos del Trabajo	"	7	14	16	6	2	563 00	432 00	.....	.....	....	995 00	1,365 00
FRANCE, EUROPE.													
Concorde	No.	1	....	....	....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	363 35
Fraternite	"	2	4	16	....	2	96 00	.....	.....	80 00	135 39	311 39	294 33

ITALY, EUROPE.													
††Colombo	No.	1											
JAPAN, ASIA.													
‖Far East	No.	1											
MEXICO.													
Ridgely	No.	1	4	6			187 00					187 00	1,037 80
‖Juarez	"	2											
Porfirio Diaz	"	5	3	24			168 00					168 00	431 35
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.													
Paradise	No.	1	5	18			82 00		$60 00		28 00	170 00	503 10
Mount Sinai	"	2	4	8	1	1	131 80	40 00		30 00		201 80	470 20
§Prins Hendrik	"	3											
‡‡Ware Bataven	"	4											139 00
NEWFOUNDLAND.													
‡‡Atlantie	No.	1											274 00
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.													
Lima	No.	1				3			40 00		36 00	76 00	95 00
Chalaco	"	4	6	35	1	2	208 00	20 00		75 00		303 00	196 00
SANDWICH ISLANDS.													
Excelsior	No.	1	15	203	6	2	974 00	600 00	403 00	60 00	57 50	2,094 50	1,945 55
Harmony	"	3	5	31	1	1	217 00	159 00		60 00		436 00	756 50
SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA.													
Saskatchewan	No.	1	2	5			21 15					21 15	268 23
SWEDEN, EUROPE.													
§§Seania	"	1											
§§Veritas	"	2											
Amicitia	"	3	10	55			360 53			75 00		435 53	1,815 40
John Eriesson	"	4	3	15		1	72 00			40 00		112 00	3,469 21
Concordia	"	5											693 24
††Holmia	"	6	1	3			14 40					14 40	2,376 00
¶¶Vestmannia	"	7											384 80
***Linnea	"	8											956 80
†††Gustaf II. Adolf	"	9											
			121	684	21	19	$4.746 63	$1 753 50	$503 00	$645 00	$305 49	$7.953 62	$23,312 71

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ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the* 31*st*, 1894.

JURISDICTION.	Encampments.	Members Dec. 31, 1893.	ADD				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	
Alabama	12	397	....	60	3	20	480
Arkansas	2	583	....	17	.....	1	601
British Columbia	5	304	....	35	1	....	340
California	83	5,409	....	355	25	32	5,821
Colorado	34	1,582	....	89	22	8	1,701
Connecticut	29	3,444	....	119	2	3	3,568
Delaware	9	385	....	33	.....	3	421
District of Columbia	4	420	....	18	1	2	441
Florida	10	211	4	14	4	3	236
Georgia	16	941	....	63	6	2	1,012
Idaho	16	370	1	39	24	2	436
Illinois	178	7,200	....	395	30	72	7,697
Indiana	195	11,101	....	820	107	70	12,098
Iowa	158	5,821	....	446	2	35	6,322
Kansas	107	3,716	....	240	24	21	4,001
Kentucky	39	1,566	2	84	22	5	1,679
Louisiana	9	230	....	21	1	2	254
Maine	51	5,236	....	195	8	10	5,449
Manitoba	6	349	..	17	.....	6	372
Maritime Provinces of Canada	13	42	...	67	18	....	506
Maryland	24	1,023	..	50	2	1	1,076
Massachusetts	79	10,711	....	503	19	11	11,244
Michigan	115	3,778	....	279	17	89	4,163
Minnesota	41	2,032	....	242	33	16	2,323
Mississippi	14	343	....	46	.....	13	402
Missouri	90	3,153	....	357	29	35	3,574
Montana	17	506	....	66	8	5	585
Nebraska	37	1,300	....	76	8	7	1,391
Nevada	8	342	....	24	10	2	378
New Hampshire	33	3,055	....	118	4	5	3,182
New Jersey	56	3,069	120	138	6	29	3,362
New York	130	8,904	....	1,107	97	36	10,144
North Carolina	25	518	....	92	6	5	621
North Dakota	14	495	....	16	2	4	517
Ohio	220	14,535	5	699	89	73	15,401
Oklahoma	6	253	....	47	11	2	313
Ontario	71	3,750	....	326	21	6	4,103
Oregon	33	1,242	1	34	6	9	1,292
Pennsylvania	254	15,335	....	626	47	23	16,031
Rhode Island	19	1,772	....	42	4	11	1,829
South Dakota	23	621	....	46	10	5	682
Tennessee	27	601	....	61	10	12	684
Texas	46	841	....	312	34	41	1,228
Utah	7	339	5	21	2	3	370
Vermont	22	1,097	1	145	14	1	1,258
Virginia	25	822	2	200	7	9	1,040
Washington	36	1,432	....	89	6	....	1,527
West Virginia	39	1,261	11	140	11	9	1,435
Wisconsin	74	2,438	....	207	11	27	2,683
Wyoming	6	173	4	16	2	2	197
	2,585	135,430	156	9,252	844	788	146,470

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to December

JURISDICTION.	DEDUCT.						Members Dec. 31, 1894.
	Error in last report.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.	
Alabama	.....	16	94	....	8	118	362
Arkansas	.....	.....	13	....	1	14	587
British Columbia	.....	2	20	....	2	24	316
California	.....	66	393	5	71	535	5,286
Colorado	.....	16	100	....	17	133	1,568
Connecticut	.....	18	123	1	30	172	3,396
Delaware	.....	1	26	....	7	34	387
District of Columbia	1	1	38	....	6	46	395
Florida	.....	3	12	....	4	19	217
Georgia	.....	24	209	1	7	241	771
Idaho	19	3	39	2	2	65	371
Illinois	.....	103	654	12	62	831	6,866
Indiana	.....	105	665	13	91	874	11,224
Iowa	.....	83	437	6	53	579	5,743
Kansas	.....	61	590	6	32	689	3,312
Kentucky	.....	24	51	1	20	96	1,583
Louisiana	.....	8	29	....	1	38	216
Maine	15	28	107	....	69	219	5,230
Manitoba	.....	4	46	....	1	51	321
Maritime Provinces of Canada	.....	16	15	....	5	36	470
Maryland	.....	.....	47	1	18	66	1,010
Massachusetts	5	111	320	2	143	581	10,663
Michigan	.....	35	408	5	27	475	3,688
Minnesota	1	37	215	1	17	271	2,052
Mississippi	.....	3	49	1	3	56	346
Missouri	20	22	342	....	27	411	3,163
Montana	8	13	47	....	5	73	512
Nebraska	36	9	79	2	7	133	1,258
Nevada	.....	11	63	....	4	78	300
New Hampshire	.....	21	57	2	36	116	3,066
New Jersey	.....	17	234	2	54	307	3,055
New York	.....	135	734	7	118	994	9,150
North Carolina	.....	17	31	2	2	52	569
North Dakota	.....	9	21	1	5	36	481
Ohio	.....	93	743	13	170	1,019	14,382
Oklahoma	1	12	40	....	1	54	259
Ontario	.....	32	227	....	25	284	3,819
Oregon	.....	11	74	4	7	96	1,196
Pennsylvania	.....	63	1,314	6	214	1,597	14,434
Rhode Island	5	5	79	....	29	118	1,711
South Dakota	6	11	44	...	1	62	620
Tennessee	.....	8	72	3	6	89	595
Texas	.....	14	96	2	12	124	1,104
Utah	.....	3	68	1	4	76	294
Vermont	.....	28	44	4	15	91	1,167
Virginia	.....	10	97	1	6	114	926
Washington	.....	9	234	4	8	255	1,272
West Virginia	....	26	162	4	11	203	1,232
Wisconsin	.....	33	210	2	15	260	2,423
Wyoming	.....	3	9	....	2	14	183
	117	1,383	9,821	117	1,481	12,919	133,551

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the* 31*st*, 1894.—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	Patriarchs relieved.	Weeks' benefits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	Patriarchs buried.	Paid for the relief of Patriarchs	Paid for the relief of widowed families.
Alabama	29	117	....	8	$254 00	.....
Arkansas	4	17	....	1	47 00	.....
British Columbia	27	188	1	2	573 50	$10 00
California	560	5,039	14	71	19,733 75	377 00
Colorado	101	763	2	17	1,467 75	50 00
Connecticut	350	2,464	....	30	3,723 20	.....
Delaware	9	365		7	1,198 33	.....
District of Columbia	46	310	3	6	901 00	139 40
Florida	3	7	....	4	21 00	.....
Georgia	29	178	1	7	411 50	5 00
Idaho	14	38	....	2	140 50	.....
Illinois	514	2,398	22	62	5,284 10	631 95
Indiana	1,076	6,550	12	91	15,638 80	100 83
Iowa	2,446	1,751	25	53	2,663 00	125 00
Kansas	240	1,093	3	32	2,336 12	.....
Kentucky	136	761	1	20	1,568 50	5 00
Louisiana	11	33	2	1	89 00	20 00
Maine	475	5,312	1	69	13,256 68	15 00
Manitoba	18	115	....	1	218 78	.....
Maritime Provinces of Canada	12	55	....	5	78 50	.....
Maryland	193	1,049	14	18	2,401 05	1,156 00
Massachusetts	1,102	8,749	5	143	16,642 24	102 38
Michigan	74	377	1	27	975 30	.....
Minnesota	73	379	....	17	675 50	.....
Mississippi	28	55	....	3	165 00	.....
Missouri	195	829	14	27	1,779 70	93 40
Montana	33	96	1	5	373 00	.....
Nebraska	63	266	....	7	656 55	.....
Nevada	15	148	....	4	687 90	.....
New Hampshire	305	3,149	2	36	3,008 40	35 00
New Jersey	385	3,459	2	54	8,283 99	200 00
New York	669	5,112	17	118	12,465 76	451 25
North Carolina	24	80		2	125 00	.....
North Dakota	11	102	....	5	127 00	.....
Ohio	1,738	12,587	7	170	34,182 30	119 48
Oklahoma	11	51	....	1	109 00	.....
Ontario	327	1,831	1	25	2,788 75	10 00
Oregon	50	290	....	7	943 20	.....
Pennsylvania	2,663	20,386	14	214	60,717 18	238 20
Rhode Island	130	2,228	....	29	4,142 75	.....
South Dakota	27	92	....	1	214 00	.....
Tennessee	58	74	15	6	322 50	80 00
Texas	64	271	....	12	669 30	.....
Utah	25	98	....	4	331 50	.....
Vermont	44	435	2	15	356 45	77 00
Virginia	105	537	12	6	1,342 50	140 50
Washington	56	327	....	8	822 50	.....
West Virginia	122	495	....	11	1,445 00	.....
Wisconsin	59	167	....	15	342 00	.....
Wyoming	12	84	1	2	291 00	50 00
	14,761	91,357	195	1,481	$226,990 83	$4,232 39

Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the year from January 1st to December

JURISDICTION.	Paid for the relief of orphans.	Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.
Alabama	.....	.....	$105 00	$12 00	$371 00
Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 00
British Columbia	.....	.....	.....	5 90	589 40
California	.....	.....	2,358 35	883 10	23,352 20
Colorado	.....	.....	140 00	.....	1,657 75
Connecticut	.....	.....	665 00	55 00	4,443 20
Delaware	.....	.....	447 00	.....	1,645 33
District of Columbia	.....	.....	200 00	37 44	1,277 84
Florida	.....	.....	18 00	.....	39 00
Georgia	.....	.....	615 00	.....	1,031 50
Idaho	$20 00	.....	.....	.....	160 50
Illinois	.....	.....	865 35	.....	6,781 40
Indiana	.....	.....	3,291 43	496 67	19,527 23
Iowa	.....	.....	532 00	.....	3,320 00
Kansas	.....	.....	404 65	281 67	3,022 44
Kentucky	.....	.....	407 21	315 08	2,295 79
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	109 00
Maine	.....	.....	963 85	131 50	14,367 03
Manitoba	.....	.....	15 00	.....	233 78
Maritime Provinces of Canada	.....	.....	35 00	16 00	129 50
Maryland	.....	.....	530 00	.....	4,087 05
Massachusetts	.....	.....	3,966 00	281 45	20,992 07
Michigan	.....	.....	194 00	71 30	1,240 60
Minnesota	.....	.....	120 00	152 63	948 13
Mississippi	15 00	.....	45 00	.....	225 00
Missouri	.....	.....	105 00	120 00	2,098 10
Montana	20 00	.....	175 00	19 75	587 75
Nebraska	.....	.....	25 00	10 55	692 10
Nevada	.....	.....	138 28	10 00	836 18
New Hampshire	.....	.....	380 00	70 00	3,493 40
New Jersey	40 00	.....	2,045 25	153 10	10,722 34
New York	.....	$25 00	4,949 75	.....	17,891 76
North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00
North Dakota	.....	.....	.....	16 50	143 50
Ohio	.....	.....	4,752 75	.....	39,054 53
Oklahoma	.....	.....	.....	.....	109 00
Ontario	.....	.....	270 00	42 41	3,111 16
Oregon	.....	.....	31 66	57 66	1,032 52
Pennsylvania	.....	617 75	15,948 34	1,216 10	78,737 57
Rhode Island	.....	.....	566 00	164 64	4,878 39
South Dakota	.....	.....	.....	94 25	308 25
Tennessee	.....	.....	210 00	12 00	624 50
Texas	.....	.....	269 00	93 50	1,031 80
Utah	.....	.....	40 00	.....	371 50
Vermont	.....	.....	190 00	.....	623 45
Virginia	160 00	.....	120 00	162 89	1,925 89
Washington	.....	.....	.....	158 75	981 25
West Virginia	.....	.....	200 00	108 75	1,753 75
Wisconsin	.....	.....	110 00	.....	452 00
Wyoming	20 00	.....	75 00	40 00	476 00
	$275 00	$642 75	$46,518 87	$5,290 59	$283,950 43

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January 1st to

ENCAMPMENTS.		LOCATION.	Members Dec. 31, 1893.	ADD.			Total.
				Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	
ALBERTA, CANADA.								
Alberta	No. 1	Calgary	37	...	1	....	....	38
ARIZONA.								
Granite	No. 1	Prescott	19	....	4	....	....	23
Floral	" 2	Phœnix	22	....	....	....	....	22
Gila	" 3	Globe	24	....	....	..	....	24
Comet	" 4	Tucson	27	....	..	....	....	27
*Golden Rule	" 5	Bisbee	....	....	20	7	....	27
INDIAN TERRITORY.								
Ridgely	No. 1	Krebs	32	....	....	....	3	35
Pushmataha	" 2	Lehigh	28	....	1	....	....	29
White Bead	" 3	White Bead Hill	58	....	7	....	....	65
Purcell	" 4	Purcell	28	....	....	....	...	28
†Ardmore	" 5	Ardmore	19	....	....	....	....	19
Coalgate	" 6	Coalgate	26	....	4	....	....	30
MEXICO.								
Hidalgo	No. 1	City of Mexico	7	....	6	1	....	14
NEW MEXICO.								
†James L. Ridgely	No. 1	Silver City	27	....	....	....	....	27
Las Vegas	" 2	Las Vegas	34	....	3	....	....	37
Centennial	" 3	Santa Fe	17	....	8	....	....	25
Albuquerque	" 4	Albuquerque	52	....	21	....	....	73
Raton	" 5	Raton	51	....	....	....	....	51
Wilderness	" 6	Gallup	30	....	1	1	....	32
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.								
†Atahualpa	No. 1	Lima	17	....	....	....	....	17
QUEBEC, CANADA.								
‡Montreal	No. 1	Montreal	....	....	....	....	....	.....
‡Moshassuck	" 2	Montreal	....	....	....	....	....	.....
‡Union	" 3	Sherbrooke	....	....	....	....	....	.....
‡Farnham	" 4	Farnham	....	....	....	....	....	.....
‡St. Johns	" 5	St. Johns	....	....	....	....	....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.								
Polynesia	No. 1	Honolulu	39	....	2	....	....	41
SOUTH CAROLINA.								
‖Ashley	No. 3	Charleston	12	....	....	....	....	12
*Greenville	" 6	Greenville	....	....	1	7	....	8
Chicora	" 9	Charleston	19	....	...	....	....	19
SWEDEN, EUROPE.								
Suecia	No. 1	Malmo	47	....	10	....	....	57
*Wasa	" 2	Stockholm	....	....	66	6	....	72
			672	....	155	22	3	852

* First report. † Report for 1894 not received. ‡ Reported to the Grand Encampment of Ontario. ‖ Charter surrendered.

Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from December 31st, 1894.

ENCAMPMENTS.	LOCATION.	DEDUCT.						Members Dec. 31, 1894.	Past Chief Patriarchs.
		Error in last report.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.		
ALBERTA, CANADA.									
Alberta.....No. 1	Calgary.....	..	....	1	....	....	1	37	4
ARIZONA.									
Granite.....No. 1	Prescott.....	....		2	....	....	2	21	9
Floral..... " 2	Phœnix.....	....	....	....	....	2	2	20	6
Gila..... " 3	Globe.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	9
Comet..... " 4	Tucson.....	....	....	6	....	2	8	19	4
*Golden Rule..... " 5	Bisbee.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	2
INDIAN TERRITORY.									
Ridgely.....No. 1	Krebs.....	....	....	4	....	....	4	31	10
Pushmataha..... " 2	Lehigh.....	....	1	4	....	1	6	23	10
White Bead..... " 3	White Bead Hill...	1	2	1	1	....	5	60	4
Purcell..... " 4	Purcell.....	..	....	4		1	5	23	4
†Ardmore..... " 5	Ardmore.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	19	1
Coalgate..... " 6	Coalgate.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	4
MEXICO.									
Hidalgo.....No. 1	City of Mexico.....	....	1	4	....	....	5	9	2
NEW MEXICO.									
†James L. Ridgely.....No. 1	Silver City.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	....
Las Vegas..... " 2	Las Vegas.....	....	3	1	1	1	6	31	1
Centennial..... " 3	Santa Fe.....	....	....	....	..	1	1	24	8
Albuquerque..... " 4	Albuquerque.....	....	1	....	....	1	2	71	13
Raton..... " 5	Raton.....	....	1	4	....	....	5	46	11
Wilderness..... " 6	Gallup.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	32	3
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.									
†Atahualpa..... " 1	Lima.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	....
QUEBEC, CANADA.									
‡Montreal.....No. 1	Montreal.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
‡Moshassuck..... " 2	Montreal.....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	....	....
‡Union..... " 3	Sherbrooke.....	.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
‡Farnham..... " 4	Farnham.....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....
‡St. Johns..... " 5	St. Johns.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.									
Polynesia.....No. 1	Honolulu.....	..	2	1	....	1	4	37	18
SOUTH CAROLINA.									
‖Ashley.....No. 3	Charleston.....	....	....	12	....	....	12	....	....
*Greenville..... " 6	Greenville.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	1
Chicora..... " 9	Charleston.....	....	....	4	....	1	5	14	7
SWEDEN, EUROPE.									
Suecia.....No. 1	Malmo.....	....	....	....	....	....		57	1
*Wasa..... " 2	Stockholm.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	72	1
		1	11	48	2	11	73	779	133

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ENCAMPMENTS.	Patriarchs relieved.	Weeks' benefits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	Patriarchs buried.	Paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.
ALBERTA, CANADA.						
Alberta.....No. 1	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
ARIZONA.						
Granite.....No. 1	2	10	....	....	$30 00	.....
Floral..... " 2	....	....	....	2	.....	.....
Gila ..... " 3	2	5	....	....	5 00	.....
Comet ..... " 4	....	....	....	2	.....	.....
*Golden Rule..... " 5	1	3	....	....	6 00	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.						
Ridgely.....No. 1	1	5	1	....	17 50	$20 00
Pushmataha..... " 2	3	13	....	1	52 00	.....
White Bead..... " 3	2	12	....	..	24 00	.....
Purcell..... " 4	....	....	....	1	.....	.....
†Ardmore..... " 5	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Coalgate..... " 6	1	5	....	....	20 00	.....
MEXICO.						
Hidalgo.....No. 1	3	5	....	....	35 00	.....
NEW MEXICO.						
†James L. Ridgely.....No. 1	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Las Vegas..... " 2	1	8	....	1	16 00	.....
Centennial..... " 3	....	....	....	1	.....	.....
Albuquerque..... " 4	6	15	....	1	40 00	.....
Raton..... " 5	2	13	....	....	26 00	.....
Wilderness ..... " 6	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.						
†Atahualpa.....No. 1	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
QUEBEC, CANADA.						
‡Montreal .....No. 1	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
‡Moshassuck ..... " 2	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
‡Union ..... " 3	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
‡Farnham ..... " 4	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
‡St. Johns ..... " 5	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Polynesia.....No. 1	6	19	1	1	110 00	25 00
SOUTH CAROLINA.						
‖Ashley.....No. 3	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
*Greenville..... " 6	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Chicora..... " 9	1	3	....	1	6 00	.....
SWEDEN, EUROPE.						
Suecia .....No. 1	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
*Wasa ..... " 2	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
	31	116	2	11	$387 50	$45 00

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Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from 31*st*, 1894—Continued.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
ALBERTA, CANADA.					
Alberta ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	$119 50
ARIZONA.					
Granite ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	$30 00	133 75
Floral ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gila ..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	5 00	98 00
Comet ..... " 4	.....	$3 90	.....	3 90	175 00
*Golden Rule ..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	6 00	612 50
INDIAN TERRITORY.					
Ridgely ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	37 50	73 65
Pushmataha ..... " 2	$8 50	.....	.....	60 50	128 75
White Bead ..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	24 00	141 00
Purcell ..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 25
†Ardmore ..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coalgate ..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	20 00	98 40
MEXICO.					
Hidalgo ..... No. 1	.....	.....	$25 00	60 00	94 00
NEW MEXICO.					
†James L. Ridgely ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Las Vegas ..... " 2	.....	20 00	.....	36 00	115 40
Centennial ..... " 3	.....	30 00	.....	30 00	130 00
Albuquerque ..... " 4	.....	20 00	.....	60 00	421 25
Raton ..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	26 00	116 85
Wilderness ..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	106 75
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.					
†Atahualpa ..... " 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
QUEBEC, CANADA.					
‡Montreal ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Moshassuck ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Union ..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Farnham ..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡St. Johns ..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.					
Polynesia ..... No. 1	.....	30 00	.....	165 00	391 75
SOUTH CAROLINA.					
‖Ashley ..... No. 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Greenville ..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 50
Chicora ..... " 9	.....	20 00	.....	26 00	31 00
SWEDEN, EUROPE.					
Suecia ..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	418 11
*Wasa ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	763 60
	$8 50	$123 90	$25 00	$589 90	$4,204 01

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LODGE RECEIPTS *from the following sources, as required by the legislation of Session of* 1893.

JURISDICTION.	Receipts for dues.	Receipts from admissions and Degrees.	Receipts from rents and invested funds.	Receipts from all other sources.	Total receipts.
Alabama	$19,463 82	$8,642 11	$4,152 18	$1,415 91	$33,674 02
Arizona	*	*	*	*	12,573 37
Arkansas	11,296 08	5,684 00	280 87	*	17,260 95
British Columbia	27,492 65	14,909 50	10,275 53	1,121 11	53,798 79
California	351,661 38	49,511 85	114,845 11	40,101 92	556,120 26
Colorado	43,124 85	17,204 30	*	*	60,329 15
Connecticut	94,860 15	13,607 20	14,132 85	9,623 30	132,223 50
Delaware	*	*	*	*	36,475 01
District of Columbia	16,170 24	2,365 50	592 97	4,076 67	23,205 38
Florida	6,144 25	2,687 00	34 00	46 55	8,911 80
Georgia	20,359 50	4,648 50	4,720 91	825 16	30,554 07
Idaho	12,567 18	4,676 50	*	15,013 40	32,257 08
Illinois	233,409 56	86,394 65	96,409 11	59,038 86	475,252 18
Indiana	*	*	*	*	409,209 42
Indian Territory	5,760 19	6,553 36	15 25	428 40	12,757 20
Iowa	*	*	*	*	189,382 44
Kansas	*	*	*	*	184,438 37
Kentucky	38,311 75	15,053 10	30,501 28	17,632 71	101,498 84
Louisiana	7,234 71	2,565 25	2,376 27	2,009 86	14,186 09
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	13,629 69	6,726 11	*	5,705 47	26,061 27
Maine	88,920 80	20,599 44	29,632 58	6,187 97	145,340 79
Manitoba	11,158 97	6,870 75	3,841 27	4,890 77	26,761 76
Maryland	*	*	*	*	80,194 22
Massachusetts	271,399 33	70,998 38	*	103,688 70	446,086 41
Michigan	*	*	*	*	157,631 98
Minnesota	60,747 96	32,071 37	36,868 81	29,174 99	158,863 13
Mississippi	*	*	*	*	19,759 32
Missouri	*	*	*	*	183,785 25
Montana	22,963 09	9,129 50	4,250 50	228 75	36,571 84
Nebraska	41,280 00	11,840 00	*	36,949 45	90,069 45
Nevada	15,386 32	2,022 85	4,112 19	1,865 72	23,387 08
New Hampshire	*	*	*	*	93,729 29
New Jersey	*	*	*	*	259,237 52
New Mexico	6,324 62	1,539 00	887 40	2,054 27	10,805 29
New York	*	*	*	*	606,559 03
North Carolina	17,435 14	6,160 08	2,430 47	5,283 59	31,309 28
North Dakota	*	*	*	*	49,280 21
Ohio	269,601 62	61,357 63	42,878 56	166,015 67	539,853 48
Oklahoma	4,743 19	6,043 15	1,169 69	79 55	12,035 58
Ontario	121,311 58	32,450 52	48,753 37	*	202,515 47
Oregon	44,416 10	10,625 50	21,429 53	7,629 43	84,100 56
Pennsylvania	*	*	*	*	989,005 96
Quebec	11,739 22	3,618 00	*	442 97	15,800 19
Rhode Island	44,030 04	7,119 00	30,819 52	6,658 43	88,626 99
South Carolina	2,260 54	866 10	*	*	3,126 64
South Dakota	15,691 97	7,562 30	10,967 32	2,638 19	36,859 78
†Sweden					
Tennessee	15,018 50	9,250 00	13,224 18	513 70	38,006 38
Texas	38,350 20	20,708 50	*	47,967 10	107,025 80
Utah	13,047 95	1,462 00	2,763 00	4,773 61	22,046 56
Vermont	15,706 78	7,776 90	7,647 34	1,012 04	32,143 06
Virginia	45,983 00	8,664 00	3,067 00	934 00	58,648 00
Washington	54,896 31	14,040 00	*	55,700 25	124,636 56
West Virginia	*	*	*	*	83,215 29
Wisconsin	64,437 07	23,865 17	36,367 47	49,420 09	174,089 80
Wyoming	6,056 46	3,623 00	*	68 75	9,748 21
	$2,204,392 76	$621,492 07	$579,446 53	$691,217 31	$7,451,025 35

*Not reported. †Instituted July 8th, 1895.

ENCAMPMENT RECEIPTS *from the following sources, as required by the legislation of Session of* 1893.

JURISDICTION.	Receipts for dues.	Receipts from admissions and Degrees.	Receipts from rents and invested funds.	Receipts from all other sources.	Total receipts.
Alabama	$1,032 85	$256 20	$161 60	*	$1,450 65
Arkansas	267 80	85 00	*	$0 50	353 30
British Columbia	1,246 00	356 00	*	146 24	1,748 24
California	*	*	*	*	42,203 35
Colorado	*	*	*	*	5,248 00
Connecticut	9,334 04	922 75	1,250 41	322 17	11,829 37
Delaware	2,074 28	196 00	123 50	360 24	2,754 02
District of Columbia	1,538 92	209 50	187 50	698 35	2,634 27
Florida	*	*	*	*	437 00
Georgia	1,857 65	232 00	*	472 55	2,562 20
Idaho	1,755 90	766 00	*	95 00	2,616 90
Illinois	*	*	*	*	23,865 25
Indiana	*	*	*	*	42,641 07
Iowa	10,730 00	2,956 00	*	*	13,686 00
Kansas	8,726 92	1,352 00	*	1,224 16	11,303 08
Kentucky	3,329 84	734 40	*	*	4,064 24
Louisiana	696 65	108 00	*	34 00	838 65
Maine	16,360 52	2,572 00	2,918 50	632 26	22,483 28
Manitoba	757 80	125 00	*	26 00	908 80
Maritime Provinces, B. N. A.	717 27	652 00	155 57	22 60	1,547 44
Maryland	*	*	*	*	*
Massachusetts	40,898 17	6,374 75	5,851 74	2,580 69	55,705 35
Michigan	*	*	*	*	5,452 53
Minnesota	3,954 80	1,568 80	181 30	771 12	6,476 02
Mississippi	*	*	*	*	1,233 90
Missouri	*	*	*	*	9,593 60
Montana	2,677 10	760 00	*	50 80	3,487 90
Nebraska	2,702 10	947 00	*	551 70	4,200 80
Nevada	1,815 65	185 00	180 00	56 25	2,236 90
New Hampshire	*	*	*	*	8,924 76
New Jersey	*	*	*	*	19,433 42
New York	*	*	*	*	40,250 81
North Carolina	1,331 25	175 00	*	10 00	1,516 25
North Dakota	118 70	435 00	673 60	94 10	1,321 40
Ohio	55,863 39	9,118 00	6,328 91	16,938 28	88,248 58
Oklahoma	608 75	355 00		17 30	981 05
Ontario	*	*	*	*	10,361 36
Oregon	3,445 20	473 50	835 38	103 50	4,857 58
Pennsylvania	*	*	*	*	106,990 09
Rhode Island	6,189 58	579 00	1,721 16	609 59	9,099 33
South Dakota	1,386 60	471 75	126 05	149 50	2,133 90
Tennessee	870 25	505 00	427 50	*	1,802 75
Texas	*	*	*	*	7,144 30
Utah	625 00	137 75	25 25	115 00	903 00
Vermont	1,601 46	977 00	35 74	303 60	2,917 80
Virginia	2,490 40	715 50	*	485 27	3,691 17
Washington	3,493 57	849 00	*	1,228 50	5,571 07
West Virginia	3,286 28	966 33	734 55		4,987 16
Wisconsin	4,433 77	1,275 00	240 00	100 00	6,048 77
Wyoming	779 90	195 00	*	6 50	981 40
	$198,998 36	$38,586 23	$22,158 26	$28,205 77	$611,728 06

*Not reported.

REBEKAH

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independ-*

JURISDICTION.	Lodges.	Members December 31, 1893.			Admitted during the year.		Total.	
		Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.
Alabama	16	155	182	337	48	31	203	213
*Alberta	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arizona	3	69	45	114	6	1	75	46
Arkansas.	55	848	833	1,681	164	124	1,012	957
British Columbia	6	222	167	389	23	40	245	207
California	186	5,991	7,092	13,083	1,108	1,326	7,099	8,418
Colorado	34	1,111	1,072	2,183	226	260	1,337	1,332
Connecticut	37	1,567	2,002	3,569	288	336	1,855	2,338
Delaware	1	78	63	141	3	2	81	65
District of Columbia	3	109	174	283	49	49	158	223
Florida	2	38	23	61	4	3	42	26
Georgia	5	146	126	272	4	5	150	131
Idaho	23	379	262	641	81	51	460	313
Illinois	353	7,722	8,773	16,495	2,238	2,509	9,960	11,282
Indiana	425	8,317	10,817	19,134	1,907	2,408	10,224	13,225
Indian Territory	5	66	87	153	24	22	90	109
Iowa	242	3,190	3,832	7,022	2,383	2,566	5,573	6,398
Kansas	230	4,601	5,297	9,898	1,109	1,392	5,710	6,689
Kentucky	31	694	716	1,410	92	117	786	833
Louisiana	9	108	117	225	1	7	109	124
Lower Provinces, B. N. A	6	87	100	187	24	30	111	130
Maine	51	2,915	3,395	6,310	378	499	3,293	3,894
Manitoba	2	138	64	202	84	21	222	85
Maryland	6	79	127	206	17	27	96	154
Massachusetts	132	9,621	10,885	20,506	1,141	1,428	10,762	12,313
Michigan	209	4,290	4,619	8,909	801	998	5,091	5,617
Minnesota	101	2,425	2,417	4,842	641	720	3,066	3,137
Mississippi	4	47	42	89	43	41	90	83
Missouri	145	2,617	2,784	5,401	976	1,242	3,593	4,026
Montana	16	729	460	1,189	166	124	895	584
Nebraska	82	1,796	1,862	3,658	385	350	2,181	2,212
Nevada	6	137	152	289	22	25	159	177
New Hampshire	63	4,079	4,564	8,643	647	781	4,726	5,345
New Jersey	29	824	974	1,798	126	193	950	1,167
New Mexico	5	132	110	242	29	33	161	143
New York	140	5,414	6,178	11,592	1,059	1,129	6,473	7,307
North Carolina	9	133	91	224	83	45	216	136
North Dakota	14	311	240	551	75	83	386	323
Ohio	312	8,705	11,594	20,299	1,539	2,179	10,244	13,773
Oklahoma	9	58	44	102	122	109	180	153
Ontario	32	894	892	1,786	373	363	1,267	1,255
Oregon	46	1,134	1,154	2,288	296	380	1,430	1,534
Pennsylvania	162	3,917	6,133	10,050	832	1,291	4,749	7,424
†Quebec	6	.....	.....	.....	200	174	200	174
Rhode Island	25	1,127	1,132	2,259	87	122	1,214	1,254
Sandwich Islands	1	26	18	44	6	8	32	26
*South Carolina	2	40	37	77	.....	.....	40	37
South Dakota	24	422	470	892	115	122	537	592
Tennessee	29	234	261	495	141	163	375	424
Texas	44	316	269	585	298	265	614	534
Utah	7	356	312	668	22	42	378	354
Vermont	26	906	819	1,725	220	213	1,126	1,032
Washington	60	1,739	1,496	3,235	233	269	1,972	1,765
West Virginia	25	291	399	690	44	61	335	460
Wisconsin	124	2,398	2,770	5,168	436	588	2,834	3,358
Wyoming	6	82	68	150	74	73	156	141
	3,627	93,830	108,612	202,442	21,493	25,440	115,323	134,052

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LODGES.

ent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to December 31st, 1894.

JURISDICTION.	FROM WHICH DEDUCT.								Members December 31, 1894.		
	Withdrawn or dropped.		Expelled.		Deceased.		Total.				
	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.
Alabama	26	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	27	167	186	353
*Alberta	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arizona	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	73	45	118
Arkansas	45	30	3	1	4	3	52	34	960	923	1,883
British Columbia	21	6	.....	.....	1	2	22	8	223	199	422
California	854	750	.....	.....	48	48	902	798	6,197	7,620	13,817
Colorado	260	142	3	2	8	8	271	152	1,066	1,180	2,246
Connecticut	138	83	4	5	10	17	152	105	1,703	2,233	3,936
Delaware	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	81	61	142
District of Columbia	22	18	.....	.....	2	1	24	19	134	204	338
Florida	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	26	68
Georgia	13	2	.....	.....	2	1	15	3	135	128	263
Idaho	62	46	4	3	.....	.....	66	49	394	264	658
Illinois	1,043	919	4	.....	60	58	1,107	977	8,853	10,305	19,158
Indiana	1,204	1,020	5	2	58	99	1,267	1,121	8,957	12,104	21,061
Indian Territory	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4	87	105	192
Iowa	430	400	7	9	27	35	464	444	5,109	5,954	11,063
Kansas	844	738	4	7	24	36	872	781	4,838	5,908	10,746
Kentucky	131	113	.....	.....	8	8	139	121	647	712	1,359
Louisiana	12	8	.....	.....	1	1	13	9	96	115	211
Lower Provs., B.N.A.	1	1	8	3	.....	1	9	5	102	125	227
Maine	130	128	1	.....	32	31	163	159	3,130	3.735	6,865
Manitoba	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	221	84	305
Maryland	2	4	.....	.....	1	.....	3	4	93	150	243
Massachusetts	540	452	.....	.....	94	112	634	564	10,128	11,749	21,877
Michigan	511	524	28	25	25	24	564	573	4,527	5,044	9,571
Minnesota	385	257	3	.....	19	13	407	270	2,659	2,867	5,526
Mississippi	29	24	.....	.....	1	.....	30	24	60	59	119
Missouri	489	400	5	7	20	24	514	431	3,079	3,595	6,674
Montana	259	94	2	.....	6	7	267	101	628	483	1,111
Nebraska	356	274	3	.....	11	10	370	284	1,811	1,928	3,739
Nevada	9	12	.....	.....	1	.....	10	12	149	165	314
New Hampshire	248	200	.....	.....	31	42	279	242	4,447	5,103	9,550
New Jersey	165	126	.....	.....	5	16	170	142	780	1,025	1,805
New Mexico	6	5	1	.....	1	.....	8	5	153	138	291
New York	704	577	4	4	71	73	779	654	5,694	6,653	12,347
North Carolina	20	8	.....	.....	2	2	22	10	194	126	320
North Dakota	57	20	.....	.....	7	.....	64	20	322	303	625
Ohio	1,073	955	3	12	66	88	1,142	1,055	9,102	12,718	21,820
Oklahoma	12	8	1	1	.....	.....	13	9	167	144	311
Ontario	163	105	.....	.....	9	2	172	107	1,095	1,148	2,243
Oregon	193	148	9	1	8	3	210	152	1,220	1,382	2,602
Pennsylvania	646	692	1	.....	39	49	686	741	4,063	6,683	10,746
†Quebec	3	.....	.....	.....	1	1	4	1	196	173	369
Rhode Island	75	54	.....	.....	14	14	89	68	1,125	1,186	2,311
Sandwich Islands	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	31	26	57
*South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	37	77
South Dakota	46	42	1	.....	2	3	49	45	488	547	1,035
Tennessee	26	23	.....	.....	3	2	29	25	346	399	745
Texas	34	19	.....	1	7	2	41	22	573	512	1,085
Utah	145	75	1	....	4	.....	150	75	228	279	507
Vermont	89	79	.....	.....	9	2	98	81	1,028	951	1;979
Washington	370	244	3	1	11	6	384	251	1,588	1,514	3,102
West Virginia	8	7	.....	.....	4	3	12	10	323	450	773
Wisconsin	279	247	2	2	25	16	306	265	2,528	3,093	5,621
Wyoming	21	12	.....	.....	.....	1	21	13	135	128	263
	12,214	10,128	110	86	784	864	13,108	11,078	102,215	122,974	225,189

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ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge January 1st to December*

JURISDICTION.	RECEIPTS.		
	Assets per last report.	Receipts for twelve months.	Total.
Alabama	$147 61	$550 72	$698 33
*Alberta	.....	.....	.....
Arizona	210 92	115 10	326 02
Arkansas	443 90	743 85	1,187 75
British Columbia	625 86	1,326 16	1,952 02
California	51,024 63	33,830 04	84,854 67
Colorado	2,298 59	5,471 93	7,770 52
Connecticut	23,510 37	9,388 41	32,898 78
Delaware	1,241 47	754 18	1,995 65
District of Columbia	2,318 78	1,293 77	3,612 55
Florida	20 42	39 91	60 33
Georgia	73 38	22 25	95 63
Idaho	1,134 56	1,652 61	2,787 17
Illinois	19,705 82	23,509 83	43,215 65
Indiana	16,897 02	18,805 46	35,702 48
Indian Territory	554 39	297 10	851 49
Iowa	4,277 63	12,846 49	17,124 12
Kansas	4,876 68	12,099 07	16,975 75
Kentucky	2,400 92	2,336 05	4,736 97
Louisiana	641 80	143 25	785 05
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	188 06	110 64	298 70
Maine	5,088 36	5,612 63	10,700 99
Manitoba	485 40	352 25	837 65
Maryland	1,143 17	537 17	1,680 34
Massachusetts	54,608 00	41,569 12	96,177 12
Michigan	5,393 79	10,122 73	15,516 52
Minnesota	11,802 81	7,772 10	19,574 91
Mississippi	37 84	198 80	236 64
Missouri	3,402 65	8,269 40	11,672 05
Montana	2,811 33	3,617 60	6,428 93
Nebraska	2,369 46	4,971 78	7,341 24
Nevada	2,839 19	1,042 50	3,881 69
New Hampshire	10,792 88	10,875 14	21,668 02
New Jersey	9,338 20	4,628 29	13,966 49
New Mexico	251 50	443 70	695 20
New York	54,452 80	26,533 09	80,985 89
North Carolina	113 37	125 63	239 00
North Dakota	1,228 48	1,642 25	2,870 73
Ohio	21,906 46	26,835 35	48,741 81
Oklahoma	27 57	387 41	414 98
Ontario	3,051 10	3,321 08	6,372 18
Oregon	2,617 48	4,406 13	7,023 61
Pennsylvania	21,262 11	21,060 06	42,322 17
†Quebec	.....	629 91	629 91
Rhode Island	5,966 40	3,092 63	9,059 03
Sandwich Islands	48 25	167 50	215 75
*South Carolina	31 15	.....	31 15
South Dakota	665 80	1,680 33	2,346 13
Tennessee	215 57	621 50	837 07
Texas	547 62	1,308 04	1,855 66
Utah	402 14	1,374 10	1,776 24
Vermont	1,456 63	3,279 27	4,735 90
Washington	10,253 03	5,913 16	16,166 19
West Virginia	2,248 33	854 22	3,102 55
Wisconsin	12,492 30	8,459 51	20,951 81
Wyoming	323 40	559 20	882 60
	$382,267 38	$337,600 40	$719,867 78

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LODGES.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from 31*st*, 1894.—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	PAID OUT.					Available assets December 31, 1894.
	Relief of members.	Relief of widowed families.	Total relief.	Lodge expenses, twelve months.	Total.	
Alabama	$104 15	.....	$104 15	$442 11	$546 26	$152 07
*Alberta	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arizona	.....	.....	.....	109 10	109 10	216 92
Arkansas	26 50	$53 45	79 95	525 64	605 59	582 16
British Columbia	68 50	.....	68 50	902 27	970 77	981 25
California	1,727 70	589 30	2,317 00	23,258 71	25,575 71	59,278 96
Colorado	435 85	47 10	482 95	4,491 28	4,974 23	2,796 29
Connecticut	2,195 80	.....	2,195 80	5,375 36	7,571 16	25,327 62
Delaware	66 00	.....	66 00	44 35	110 35	1,885 30
District of Columbia	558 00	246 48	804 48	681 20	1,485 68	2,126 87
Florida	.....	.....	.....	40 09	40 09	20 24
Georgia	12 00	.....	12 00	28 23	40 23	55 40
Idaho	.....	.....	.....	1,650 00	1,650 00	1,137 17
Illinois	2,041 72	1,081 07	3,122 79	18,988 22	22,111 01	21,104 64
Indiana	1,602 19	587 10	2,189 29	14,340 43	16,529 72	19,172 76
Indian Territory	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	15 00	836 49
Iowa	608 75	64 75	673 50	11,121 09	11,794 59	5,329 53
Kansas	367 95	53 53	421 48	11,793 43	12,214 91	4,760 84
Kentucky	621 39	.....	621 39	1,279 22	1,900 61	2,836 36
Louisiana	98 00	.....	98 00	66 85	164 85	620 20
Lower Provinces, B. N. A	9 00	.....	9 00	127 33	136 33	162 37
Maine	174 50	10 00	184 50	5,391 87	5,576 37	5,124 62
Manitoba	22 00	.....	22 00	277 10	299 10	538 55
Maryland	183 00	.....	183 00	147 45	330 45	1,349 89
Massachusetts	6,289 84	941 26	7,231 10	28,403 27	35,634 37	60,542 75
Michigan	524 77	220 59	745 36	8,620 89	9,366 25	6,150 27
Minnesota	463 25	.....	463 25	5,499 34	5,962 59	13,612 32
Mississippi	25 50	.....	25 50	137 70	163 20	73 44
Missouri	324 40	346 65	671 05	6,433 80	7,104 85	4,567 20
Montana	55 00	.....	55 00	3,132 32	3,187 32	3,241 61
Nebraska	319 20	45 90	365 10	4,640 94	5,006 04	2,335 20
Nevada	46 35	.....	46 35	699 15	745 50	3,136 19
New Hampshire	1,298 47	.....	1,298 47	8,649 42	9,947 89	11,720 13
New Jersey	1,909 60	.....	1,909 60	2,329 77	4,239 37	9,727 12
New Mexico	24 97	.....	24 97	324 13	349 10	346 10
New York	5,423 74	3,560 61	8,984 35	16,393 09	25,377 44	55,608 45
North Carolina	14 00	.....	14 00	76 81	90 81	148 19
North Dakota	19 00	.....	19 00	1,503 86	1,522 86	1,347 87
Ohio	1,657 50	582 50	2,240 00	21,908 95	24,148 95	24,592 86
Oklahoma	.....	.....	.....	247 43	247 43	167 55
Ontario	50 00	.....	50 00	2,527 51	2,577 51	3,794 67
Oregon	162 68	14 00	176 68	4,159 10	4,335 78	2,687 83
Pennsylvania	2,640 27	1,832 75	4,473 02	14,203 58	18,676 60	23,645 57
†Quebec	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	629 91
Rhode Island	144 00	5 00	149 00	2,696 37	2,845 37	6,213 66
Sandwich Islands	.....	.....	.....	159 10	159 10	56 65
*South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 15
South Dakota	65 33	20 00	85 33	1,606 63	1,691 96	654 17
Tennessee	22 00	.....	22 00	609 15	631 15	205 92
Texas	303 35	.....	303 35	504 85	808 20	1,047 46
Utah	117 00	.....	117 00	1,164 60	1,281 60	494 64
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	2,907 43	2,907 43	1,828 47
Washington	175 10	141 00	316 10	4,802 38	5,118 48	11,047 71
West Virginia	509 25	57 25	566 50	804 35	1,370 85	1,731 70
Wisconsin	1,209 58	1 50	1,211 08	5,305 17	6,516 25	14,435 56
Wyoming	60 00	20 00	80 00	218 50	298 50	584 10
	$34,792 15	$10,521 79	$45,313 94	$251,750 92	$297,064 86	$422,802 92

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REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL.
PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

In submitting his second annual report since assuming the position assigned to him by the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1893, the Grand Secretary desires to say that he has endeavored to discharge all the duties devolved upon him faithfully and promptly. It is gratifying to be able to report a net profit of $2,624.82 for the year. The amount would be much larger but for the fact that the legislation of 1894 made it necessary to procure new blank Warrants and Commissions. If no radical changes are made in the existing law, the blanks on hand will be sufficient for several years, and no further expense in that direction will have to be incurred in the near future.

All bills have been paid and there are no unaudited or unadjusted accounts to be considered hereafter.

It is to be regretted that more complete returns have not been received from Department Councils and Cantons, but the inadequate returns furnished, are all that can be presented. In some Departments there are more Cantons than stated in the table, but we give only those that reported, as when a Canton fails to report it is regarded as defunct. When there are less than three Cantons in a Department, a Major cannot be elected and the Commander of the Senior Canton is designated as Department Commander, unless information has been received that some other Captain was elected, as required in Section 8, Code of 1894.

The Adjutant-General might suggest many changes in the laws of 1894, but as it is probable that the Commander-in-Chief will express his opinion of the laws, I deem it necessary only to state that Sections 126 and 127 of the Code, which authorizes the sale of Tactics to Department Councils at 85 cents per copy, less 25 per cent., should be changed, as the Sovereign Grand Lodge receives only 63¾ cents for a book that costs 80 cents. The price ought not to be less than 85 cents.

Section 127 requires Department Councils to procure blank Commissions and N. C. Warrants at 75 cents each. This seems inconsistent with Section 85, where the price for Commissions filled up is named as follows: "Non-Commissioned Warrants (Canton or Staff), 50 cents; Ensign's, Clerk's and Accountant's Commission, 50 cents." The price of blank Commissions and N. C. Warrants to Councils should be 50 cents each. There has been much complaint on this subject.

It will be seen by the tables that there are 3,617 copies (2,960 paper covers, 458 cloth bound, 199 Morrocco bound) of the Patriarchs Militant Regulations and Army Register on hand. There is little demand for the book, but as it is a valuable publication, containing laws and ceremonies of the Patriarchs Militant branch, profusely illustrated by numerous engravings, the work ought to interest every Chevalier. It is believed that if the price is reduced, a considerable number might be disposed of, therefore, it

is suggested that the Grand Secretary be authorized to sell the books at the following prices: Paper cover, 50 cents; cloth bound, $1.00; Morrocco bound, $1.50. This will be a considerable reduction from former prices, and are much below the amount paid by the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the books. A proposition was received to purchase one thousand of the books at five cents per copy, but the offer was promptly declined by the Grand Secretary and the Committee on Printing Supplies.

In Section 107, Code, it is provided that "the Assistant Adjutant-General of each Department governed by a Department Council shall on or before the first day of July, in each year, forward to the Adjutant-General a report of the condition of the Patriarchs Militant in his Department," etc. The necessary blanks were promptly sent from this office, and the above direction has been complied with by some of the officers, and seems to have been ignored by others. The information furnished will be found in the accompanying tables. The lists of officers commissioned are filed, and will be registered as required by the law in Section 107.

Statements of Commissions issued from this office, the receipts during the year and the names of Department Commanders, are also appended.

It is gratifying to learn, from numerous letters received, that there is an apparent revival of interest in the Militant branch of the Order generally throughout the country, and it is believed that the system now established will be successful. It is a new experiment, but seems to be popular with Chevaliers generally, who feel that they ought to have something to say concerning the choice of officers.

Fraternally,

THEO. A. ROSS,
Adjutant-General.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT RECEIPTS, *August* 21*st*, 1894, *to July* 31*st*, 1895.

DEPARTMENTS.	Arrears.	Blank Commissions, etc.	Commissions.	Books, Seals, etc.	Totals.
Arizona	.....	.....	$4 50	.....	$4 50
California	.....	$60 00	3 00	$9 39	72 39
Colorado	$2 00	82 50	4 00	89 53	178 03
Connecticut	.....	50 25	4 00	3 60	57 85
Delaware	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Denmark	.....	.....	4 50	.....	4 50
District of Columbia	.....	.....	.....	50	50
Florida	.....	.....	4 50	7 00	11 50
Idaho	.....	17 25	2 00	.....	19 25
Illinois	.....	135 75	6 50	17 65	159 90
Indiana	.....	112 50	21 00	163 01	296 51
Iowa	7 00	88 50	3 75	28 60	127 85
Kansas	.....	39 00	4 00	52	43 52
Kentucky	.....	.....	16 50	3 00	19 50
Louisiana	.....	.....	4 50	.....	4 50
Maine	.....	96 00	.....	50	96 50
Manitoba	.....	.....	4 50	.....	4 50
Maryland	.....	16 50	2 00	27 35	45 85
Massachusetts	.....	177 75	10 25	34 80	222 80
Michigan	.....	81 75	16 50	7 35	105 60
Minnesota	.....	36 75	4 00	7 75	48 50
Missouri	.....	139 50	.....	19 92	159 42
Montana	1 50	.....	11 00	10 75	23 25
Nebraska	.....	27 00	6 50	.....	33 50
New Bruns., Can.	.....	.....	4 50	.....	4 50
New Hampshire	.....	102 75	5 00	40 50	148 25
New Jersey	.....	33 75	4 00	2 75	40 50
New York	.....	172 50	12 00	40 25	224 75
North Dakota	.....	15 00	5 25	3 38	23 63
Ohio	.....	246 00	8 00	48 39	302 39
Ontario	24 10	.....	27 00	7 50	58 60
Oregon	.....	.....	4 50	4 50	9 00
Pennsylvania	.....	172 50	9 50	240 97	422 97
Quebec	.....	.....	4 50	.....	4 50
Rhode Island	12 00	.....	13 50	.....	25 50
South Dakota	.....	.....	.....	2 20	2 20
Tennessee	.....	.....	11 25	24 00	35 25
Texas	.....	15 00	9 00	32 76	56 76
Utah	.....	.....	9 00	10 10	19 10
Vermont	.....	69 00	14 00	44 38	127 38
Virginia	.....	.....	9 00	.....	9 00
Washington	.....	18 00	2 00	.....	20 00
West Virginia	.....	.....	.....	1 30	1 30
Wisconsin	12 00	13 50	17 00	2 28	44 78
Wyoming	.....	.....	9 50	35 00	44 50
Totals	$58 60	$2,019 00	$316 00	$972 48	$3,366 08

PATRIARCHS MILITANT RECEIPTS, *August* 21*st*, 1894, *to July* 31*st*, 1895.—Continued.

Receipts		$3,366 08
SUPPLIES ON HAND.		
Books, etc	$222 74	
Warrants for Cantons	226 09	
Proclamations	43 35	
Commissions for Officers	250 33	
N. C. Warrants for Officers	335 17	
Retired Commissions	83 47	1,161 15
		$4,527 23
EXPENSES.		
P. M. Supplies, blanks, etc	$985 75	
Salary Adjutant-General	916 66	$1,902 41
Net profit		$2,624 82

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT COUNCILS AND CANTONS *for the year ending April 26th*, 1895.

DEPARTMENTS.	NUMBER OF				Members April 26, 1894.	Admitted during the year.	Total.	FROM WHICH DEDUCT.						Members April 26, 1895.
	Cantons.	Battalions.	Regiments.	Brigades.				Suspended.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Resigned.	Discharged.	Total.	
Arizona	1	....	....	....	17	1	18	....	...	1	...	....	1	17
British Columbia	1	....	....	....	27	6	33	....	...	...	...	....	.....	33
California	19	6	2	1	636	27	663	....	...	2	2	79	83	580
Colorado	14	4	1	....	482	56	538	25	2	1	1	1	30	508
Connecticut	11	3	1	....	554	21	575	....	19	7	...	3	29	546
District of Columbia	1	....	....	....	67	6	73	....	5	...	...	2	7	66
Florida	1	....	....	....	27	.....	27	....	...	...	...	....	.....	27
Idaho	3	1	....	....	74	9	83	5	...	...	...	....	5	78
Illinois	31	10	4	1	1,039	75	1,114	....	6	3	9	46	64	1,050
Iowa	21	6	2	1	600	.....	600	....	...	...	...	....	.....	600
Kentucky	2	....	....	....	75	1	76	....	3	1	...	2	6	70
Louisiana	1	....	....	....	19	.....	19	....	4	...	...	....	4	15
Maine	21	5	2	1	1,262	44	1,306	32	...	10	3	7	52	1,254
Maryland	4	1	....	....	139	19	158	7	...	1	1	2	11	147
Massachusetts	37	12	5	1	2,033	132	2,165	145	10	14	...	39	208	1,957
Michigan	27	9	3	1	650	150	800	74	...	2	...	4	80	720
Missouri	18	6	1	...	487	40	527	66	...	3	9	....	78	449
Montana	3	1	....	....	121	12	133	19	...	...	10	....	29	104
New Jersey	8	3	1	....	224	24	248	12	...	3	2	1	18	230
New York	48	13	4	2	1,926	167	2,093	277	2	19	...	31	329	1,764
Ohio	65	18	6	2	1,822	110	1,932	240	4	17	...	10	271	1,661
Ontario	2	....	....	....	80	8	88	....	4	1	1	1	7	81
Pennsylvania	25	7	3	1	815	105	920	66	1	8	..	8	83	837
Quebec	1	....	....	....	31	1	32	1	...	...	...	....	1	31
Tennessee	1	....	....	....	.....	24	24	....	...	...	...	....	.....	24
Texas	5	1	....	....	94	.....	94	....	...	..	...	....	.....	94
Utah	2	....	....	....	64	9	73	....	17	1	...	....	18	55
Virginia	1	....	....	....	35	5	40	5	...	...	...	....	5	35
Wisconsin	5	1	....	....	124	45	169	24	...	3	...	...	27	142
Wyoming	1	....	....	....	27	5	32	.	...	...	...	5	5	27
Total	380	107	35	11	13,551	1,102	14,653	998	77	97	38	241	1,451	13,202

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT COUNCILS AND CANTONS *for the year ending April 26th*, 1895.—Continued.

DEPARTMENTS.	Property on hand April 26, 1894.	Property on hand April 26, 1895.	Money on hand April 26, 1894.	Received during the year.	Total.	Expended during the year.	On hand April 26, 1895.
Arizona				$5 00	$5 00	$5 00	
British Col.			$63 05	11 00	74 05	27 75	$46 30
California		$31,377 04	353 68	1,015 25	1,368 93	967 10	401 83
Colorado	$1,528 00	1,978 00	1,661 00	1,957 57	3,618 57	1,624 50	1,994 07
Connecticut							
District of Col.				152 00	152 00	173 39	
Florida			3 55	15 00	18 55	4 50	14 05
Idaho	2,101 00	2,461 00	180 00	180 65	360 65	85 57	275 08
Illinois	40,344 00	30,000 00		1,552 86	1,552 86		
Iowa		7,238 30		714 73	714 73	683 51	31 22
Kentucky			11 15	30 29	41 44	32 33	9 11
Louisiana							12 00
Maine	2,624 00	2,974 50	2,142 44	2,746 71	4,889 15	1,687 51	3,201 64
Maryland							
Massachusetts		35,499 72	5,845 99	5,020 65	10,866 64	4,144 51	6,722 13
Michigan	25,000 00		250 00	920 00	1,170 00	1,000 00	170 00
Missouri		15,134 00	249 39	620 25	869 64	520 22	349 42
Montana			139 72	163 50	303 22	171 95	131 27
New Jersey			187 89	872 46	1,060 35	913 32	147 03
New York	65,846 10	67,350 35	5,120 30	5,147 65	10,267 95	4,983 90	5,284 05
Ohio	4,708 51	7,136 11	1,812 59	4,802 35	6,614 94	5,000 01	1,614 93
Ontario			155 49	46 50	201 99	40 70	81 29
Pennsylvania		3,462 25	940 00	2,870 27	3,810 27	2,870 27	940 00
Quebec	14 13	71 03	14 13	100 20	114 33	43 30	71 03
Tennessee				100 90	100 90	71 19	29 71
Texas		2,901 00					
Utah			31 45	66 25	97 70	52 15	45 55
Virginia			40 00	50 00	90 00	65 00	25 00
Wisconsin	364 50	364 50	136 10	231 50	367 60	275 21	92 39
Wyoming			3 72	91 60	95 32	34 65	60 67
Total	$142,530 24	$207,947 80	$19,341 64	$29,485 14	$48,826 78	$25,477 54	$21,749 77

COMMISSIONS AND N. C. WARRANTS *issued to officers of Battalions, Regiments, etc., September 25th*, 1894, *to July 31st*, 1895.

May 7, '95. *Geo. M. Huskins...Col., 1 regt.....Denver, Col.
Mar. 12, '95..Stephen H. Hall..Surg., Maj. Staff.....————, Conn.
Mar. 12, '95..Sidney L. Smith...Adjt., Capt. Staff.....————, Conn.
Mar. 12, '95..Reuben Lord.....Q. M., Capt. Staff.....————, Conn.
Mar. 12, '95..H. R. Parker.....Com'sy, Capt. Staff....————, Conn.
Mar. 12, '95..Chas. O. Stone....Chap., Capt. Staff.....————, Conn.
Mar. 12, '95..Isaac S. Rist.....Bannaret, Lieut. Staff..,———— Conn.
May 11, '95. *Frank W. Tracy...Col., 1 regt.....Norwich, Conn.
Apr. 25, '95. *F. E. Cornwall....Maj., 1 batt.....Moscow, Idaho.
Oct. 11, '94..R. A. Whitson....Maj., 2 batt., 3 regt....————, Ind.
June 10, '95. *J. M. Miller.....Col., 1 regt.....Topeka, Kan.
Nov. 24, '94. *Geo. W. Godman..Maj., 1 batt.....Baltimore, Md.
Feb. 11, '95. *Frank M. Merrill,.Brig., 1 brig.....Lowell, Mass.
May 2, '95..F. E. Merriman...Ins. Gen., Brig. Gen., Staff of Grand Sire..Boston, Mass.
July 5, '95..Henry N. Wilder..Chief of Equipm't, Brig. Gen., Staff of Gr. Sire. Grand Rapids, Mch.

June 8, '95.	*A. K. Norton	Col., 1 regt	Minneapolis, Minn.
May 22, '95.	*L. S. Richardson	Brig., 1 brig	Concord, N. H.
May 14, '95.	*Geo. Wailes	Col., 1 regt	Camden, N. J.
May 29, '95.	*E. C. Shafer	Brig., 1 brig	Buffalo, N. Y.
Nov. 24, '94.	H. H. Critchfield	Act. Com. Serg. Staff.	————, N. D.
Feb. 18, '95.	Isaac Weinreich	Q. M., 2 regt	————, Ohio.
May 29, '95.	*Ed. C. Deans	Brig., 1 brig	Scranton, Pa.
May 20, '95.	*F. A. Johnson	Maj., 1 batt	Seattle, Wash.
May 16, '95.	*F. A. Woodward	Maj., 1 batt	W. Superior, Wis.
Sept. 25, '94.	Chas. Wilseck	Lt., Adjt., 1 sep. batt.	Cheyenne, Wyo.

*Department Commander.

COMMISSIONS AND N. C. WARRANTS *issued to officers of Cantons, September 25th, 1894, to July 31st, 1895.*

				COMS.	WAR.
May 28, '95	Arizona	1.	Phoenix, Arizona	5	1
June 11, '95	Victoria	1.	Victoria, B. Columbia	5	1
May 4, '95	Otto	1.	Key West, Florida	5	1
Dec. 24, '94	The Crescent	17.	Waterloo, Iowa	5	1
May 9, '95	Maysville	2.	Maysville, Kentucky	5	1
May 9, '95	Newport	12.	Newport, Kentucky	5	1
June 18, '95	Covington	4.	Covington, Kentucky	5	1
May 23, '95	Columbus	1.	New Orleans, Louisiana	5	1
June 8, '95	Winnipeg	1.	Winnipeg, Man., Can	5	1
Mar. 26, '95	Cambridge	5.	Cambridgeport, Mass	5	
Apr. 29, '95	Schuyler Colfax	2.	Helena, Montana	5	1
May 18, '95	Wildey	1.	Butte City, Montana	5	1
June 1, '95	LaTour	1.	St. John, N. B., Can	5	1
Dec. 18, '94	Tilton	17.	Tilton, New Hampshire	5	1
Nov. 30, '94	Colfax	29.	New York, New York	5	1
Dec. 5, '94	T. J. Marvin	4.	Ballston Spa, New York		1
Nov. 24, '94	Royal	2.	Fargo, North Dakota	1	
May 31, '95	Hamilton	4.	Hamilton, Ontario, Can.	5	1
May 31, '95	Kingston	6.	Kingston, Ontario, Can.	5	1
June 24, '95	London	1.	London, Ontario, Can.	5	1
June 24, '95	Toronto	7.	Toronto, Ontario, Can.	5	1
July 17, '95	Peterboro	10.	Peterboro, Ontario, Can.	5	1
May 18, '95	Progress	2.	Baker City, Oregon	5	1
Nov. 1, '94	Quaker City	2.	Philadelphia, Pa	5	1
Mar. 7, '95	Oil City	13.	Oil City, Pa	5	1
June 6, '95	Mount Royal	1.	Montreal, Quebec, Can.	5	1
Oct. 20, '94	Wm. S. Johnson	1.	Providence, R. I	5	1
Nov. 8, '94	Sowamset	8.	Warren, R. I	5	1
Apr. 15, '95	Sowamset	8.	Warren, R. I	5	1
July 24, '95	Wm. S. Johnson	1.	Providence, R. I	5	1
Nov. 24, '94	Marble City	5.	Knoxville, Tenn	5	1
Apr. 20, '95	Greene	4.	Greeneville, Tenn	5	1
July 10, '95	Marble City	5.	Knoxville, Tenn	5	1
Mar. 30, '95	Willard Richardson	3.	Galveston, Texas	5	1
May 7, '95	Ogden	2.	Ogden, Utah	5	1
May 7, '95	Ontario	4.	Park City, Utah	5	1
June 8, '95	Portsmouth	1.	Portsmouth, Virginia	5	1
June 25, '95	Norfolk	3.	Norfolk, Virginia	5	1
Oct. 8, '94	Lafayette	1.	Burlington, Vermont	5	1
May 6, '95	Cheyenne	5.	Cheyenne, Wyoming	5	1
June 15, '95	Wyoming	1.	Laramie, Wyoming	5	1

DATE OF COMMISSION.	DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.	COMMISSION EXPIRES.
May 28, '95	Arizona—Capt. CHRIS. DUHRING, Phoenix	April, '96
June 11, '95	Brit. Columbia—Capt. ANTON HENDERSON, Victoria.	" '96
July 10, '94	California—Gen. JAMES F. CROSETT, 628 Sacramento Street, San Francisco	" '97
May 7, '95	Colorado—Col. GEO. HUSKINS, Denver	" '97
May 11, '95	Connecticut—Col. FRANK W. TRACY, Norwich	" '97
	Delaware——*No returns.*	
	Denmark——*No returns.*	
	Dist. of Columbia—Major W. T. GALLIHER, Washington	" '96
May 4, '95	Florida—Capt. FRANK W. KNIGHT, Key West	" '96
Apr. 25, '95	Idaho—Major F. E. CORNWALL, Moscow	" '97
	Illinois—Major-Gen. W. H. CROCKER, Wheeler Building, Chicago	" '97
Sept. 11, '94	Indiana—Gen. J. E. BODINE, Indianapolis	" '97
May 29, '94	Iowa—Brig. J. T. ABBOTT, Manchester	" '97
June 10, '95	Kansas—Col. J. M. MILLER, P. O. Box 52, Topeka	" '97
May 9, '95	Kentucky—Capt. GEORGE SCHWARTZ, Maysville	" '96
May 23, '95	Louisiana—Capt. C. H. BROWNLEE, 32½ Verrett Street, New Orleans	" '96
May 25, '94	Maine—Brig. Jos. L. SMALL, Biddeford	" '97
June 8, '95	Manitoba—Capt. CHAS. GARBUTT, Barracks, Ft. Osborne	" '96
June 1, '95	Maritime Provs.—Capt. A. ARTHUR CLARK, St. John, New Brunswick	" '96
Apr. 27, '94	Maryland—Major GEO. W. GODMAN, 1610 Harlem Avenue, Baltimore	" '96
Feb. 11, '95	Massachusetts—Brig. FRANK M. MERRILL. 124 Central Street, Lowell	" '98
Aug. 7, '95	Michigan—Brig. JOHN W. ADAIR, Battle Creek	" '98
June 8, '95	Minnesota—Col. A. K. NORTON, Minneapolis	" '97
June 27, '94	Missouri—Col. T. T. PARSON, 1113 Olive St., St. Louis	" '96
May 18, '95	Montana—Capt. J. F. KRAMER, Butte	" '96
July 6, '94	Nebraska—Lieut.-Col. A. GIBSON, Fremont	" '96
	Nevada——*No returns.*	
May 20, '95	New Hampshire—Brig. L. S. RICHARDSON, Concord	" '98
May 14, '95	New Jersey—Col. GEO. WAILES, Camden	" '97
May 29, '95	N. York—Brig. E. C. SHAFER, 824 Seneca St., Buffalo,	" '98
June 14, '94	North Dakota—Major A. B. HERRICK, Lisbon	" '96
Aug. 8, '94	Ohio—Major-Gen. J. C. WHITAKER, Dayton	" '97
	Ontario—Col. R. J. FAULKNOR, Hamilton	
May 18, '95	Oregon—Capt. FRANK CLARKE, Baker City	" '96
May 29, '95	Pennsylvania—Gen. E. C. DEANS, Scranton	" '98
June 16, '95	Quebec—Capt. JOHN MILLER, 19 Richmond Street, Point St. Charles, Montreal	" '96
Apr. 15, '95	Rhode Island—Capt. DANIEL W. GLADDING, Warren	" '96
	South Dakota—Col. E. S. MCDONALD, Sioux Falls	" '95
Apr. 20, '95	Tennessee—Capt. THOMAS B. PICKERING, Greenville	" '96
	Texas—Lieut.-Col. F. E. HUNTER, El Paso	May, '95
May 7, '95	Utah—Capt. HERBERT MOON, 30th and Washington Avenue, Ogden	April, '96
July 28, '94	Vermont—Col. L. C. GRANT, Burlington	" '96
June 8, '95	Virginia—Capt. R. A. ETHERIDGE, 1006 Washington Street, Portsmouth	" '96
May 20, '95	Washington—Major F. A. JOHNSON, Headquarters Seattle Fire Department, Seattle	" '97
	West Virginia——*No returns.*	
May 16, '95	Wisconsin—Brig. F. A. WOODWARD, West Superior.	" '98
June 5, '94	Wyoming—Major R. A. PROCTOR, Cheyenne	" '96

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned has the honor to communicate his annual report of the financial condition of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for the fiscal year ending July 31st, 1895.

1894.	DR. GRAND TREASURER.	
Aug. 20.	To cash balance, as per last report	$33,251 25
Dec. 1.	To cash, interest on Lehigh Valley R. R. bonds	337 50
1895.		
Jan. 9.	To cash, interest on P., W. & B. R. R. bonds	300 00
June 6.	To cash, interest on Lehigh Valley R. R. bonds	337 50
July 24.	To cash, interest on P., W. & B. R. R. bonds	300 00
	To cash, for sundry sums of money received from Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, from Aug. 25, 1894 to July 31, 1895, as per receipts given	56,075 60
	Aggregating	$90,601 85

1894.	NO. OF WARRANT.	CR. GRAND TREASURER.	
Sept. 20.		By this sum paid Grand Officers and Grand Representatives who attended the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Chattanooga, Tennessee, September, 1894, for mileage and per diem expenses, as per report of the committee on that subject, pages 14,056 to 14,063 in Journal of 1894, on Warrants Nos. 6268 to 6458, both inclusive	$27,383 56
"	6459	J. C. Underwood, services in Cohen arbitration case	1,000 00
"	6460	J. W. Stebbins, Grand Sire, clerk hire	125 00
"	6461	Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, postage on Reports, etc	540 00
"	6462	Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, expressage and freight on boxes to and from Chattanooga	115 37
"	6463	J. W. Stebbins, Grand Sire, office furniture	150 00
"	6464	Herman Block, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe	300 00
"	6465	W. H. Leedy, service in Cohen arbitration case	50 00
"	6466	James Young, Chairman Committee on Property, advertising and postage	4 00
"	6467	J. Voegtle, Chairman Committee on Mileage and Per Diem	25 00
"	6468	John M. Jones, Committee on Printing Supplies	18 40
"	6469	Isaac A. Sheppard, Committee on Printing Supplies	10 84
"	6470	Geo. W. Dilks, Committee on Printing Supplies	32 72
"	6471	W. H. Iszard, Committee on Printing Supplies	10 84
"	6472	Theo. A. Ross, Committee on Printing Supplies	12 40
"	6473	D. L. Badley, Committee on Rebekah Laws	18 00
"	6474	J. L. McKinney, Committee on Rebekah Laws	18 00

Sept.	20.	6475	F. M. Rea, Committee on Rebekah Laws	$3 00
"	"	6476	Charles A. Mayo, Committee on Rebekah Laws	6 00
"	"	6477	A. L. Voorhis, Custodian of Secret Work	30 00
"	21.	6478	W. H. Spencer, Assistant Custodian of Secret Work	30 00
"	"	6479	W. A. Bobbitt, Assistant Grand Guardian	30 00
"	"	6480	J. F. Plummer, Jr., Reading Clerk	30 00
"	"	6481	J. F. Plummer, Jr., Assistant to Grand Messenger	15 00
"	"	6482	John B. Goodwin, Committee on Appeals	25 00
"	"	6483	C. A. Keller, Committee on Appeals	25 00
"	"	6484	H. J. Rowe, Committee on Appeals	25 00
"	"	6485	Edgar Whitlock, Committee on Appeals	25 00
"	"	6486	J. O. Humphrey, Committee on Appeals	25 00
"	"	6487	J. D. Bellamy, Jr., Committee on Appeals	25 00
"	"	6488	J. J. Walton, Committee on Appeals	25 00
"	"	6489	J. B. Guyton, Committee on Appeals	15 00
"	"	6490	J. B. Cockrum, Committee on Appeals	25 00
"	"	6491	T. P. Rixey, Committee on Transportation	41 00
"	"	6492	J. G. Aydelott, Committee on Transportation	27 50
"	"	6493	W. H. Iszard, Committee on Transportation	28 87
"	"	6494	Foster Webb, printing for Committee on Transportation	17 39
"	"	6495	W. S. Frost, compiling P. M. Record	508 75
"	"	6496	M. R. Muckle, expense in auditing accounts	25 68
"	"	6497	James B. Blanks, Sub-Committee on Finance	24 48
"	"	6498	Cl. T. Campbell, Grand Sire, incidental expenses	45 00
"	"	6499	John Welsh, assistance in fitting up hall	5 95
"	"	6500	W. E. Carlin, Committee on Dues and Benefits	3 00
"	"	6501	Winona Daily Republican, printing circular, 1893	6 75
"	"	6502	E. R. Shipley, Official Reporter	30 00
"	"	6503	C. H. Mayo, Janitor, services in arranging hall, etc.	25 00
"	"	6504	A. Guthrie, Assistant Grand Messenger	30 00
"	26.	6505	Times Printing Co., printing Officers' Reports	782 08
"	"	6506	Times Printing Co., printing Daily Journal	1,339 04
"	29.	6507	Geo. Coburn, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	6508	Grace Whalen, Stenographer, salary	60 00
"	"	6509	C. Bier, Janitor, salary	50 00
"	"	6510	Theo. A. Ross, Adjutant-General, salary	83 33
"	"	6511	The Duhme Company, Veteran Jewels	240 00
"	"	6512	August Wehr, rent of office	208 33
"	"	6513	C. G. Braxmar, Honorable Veteran Jewel	36 12
Oct.	6.	6514	Radecke & Co., boxes	14 47
"	29.	6515	Fidelity & Deposit Co., bond for Grand Secretary	100 00
"	"	6516	Fidelity & Deposit Co., bond for Assistant Grand Secretary	100 00
"	31.	6517	Geo. Coburn, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	6518	Grace Whalen, Stenographer, salary	60 00
"	"	6519	C. Bier, Janitor, salary	50 00
"	"	6520	Theo. A. Ross, Adjutant-General, salary	83 33
Nov.	2.	6521	Duhme & Co., Veteran Jewels	42 00
"	3.	6522	August Wehr, rent of office	208 33
"	"	6523	C. G. Braxmar, Honorable Veteran Jewel	37 32
"	"	6524	James Young, printing Rebekah Laws, etc.	211 90

Nov.	3.	6525	Dobler & Mudge, paper for Officers' Reports and Daily Journals	$306 00
"	"	6526	A. Hoen & Co., Subordinate Lodge Charts	1,300 00
"	14.	6527	Cl. T. Campbell, portrait	300 00
"	24.	6528	Citizens Trust & Security Co., bond of Grand Treasurer	70 00
"	"	6529	Grand Lodge of New Mexico, refund of Rep. tax	75 00
"	"	6530	Grand Lodge of New Mexico, funds of Montezuma Lodge defunct	147 46
"	30.	6531	Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, salary	625 00
"	"	6532	Theo. A. Ross, Adjutant-General, salary	83 33
"	"	6533	Geo. Coburn, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	6534	C. Bier, Janitor, salary	50 00
"	"	6535	Grace Whalen, Stenographer, salary	60 00
Dec.	1.	6536	Duhme & Co., Veteran Jewels	211 50
"	"	6537	Dobler & Mudge, paper for Revised Journal	1,390 27
"	"	6538	John Medole & Son, books and odes	505 35
"	"	6539	Edgar R. Lyon, books	18 00
"	"	6540	August Wehr, rent of office	208 33
"	6.	6541	E. G. Rupp, coal for office	33 00
"	"	6542	C. G. Braxmar, Honorable Veteran Jewel	36 10
"	"	6543	George F. Lewis' Son, printing letterheads for Grand Sire	41 40
"	22.	6544	James Young, P. M. books, etc	105 00
"	26.	6545	W. S. Frost, services, per order of Grand Sire	83 33
"	"	6546	W. H. Dougal, steel plate engraving of Cl. T. Campbell, Past Grand Sire	100 00
"	28.	6547	J. W. Stebbins, Grand Sire, clerk hire	125 00
"	29.	6548	J. L. Murphy Pub. Co., Canton letterheads, etc.	16 40
"	"	6549	J. W. Schweitzer, care of Wildey Monument	12 50
"	"	6550	W. R. Strickland, care of Ridgely Monument	12 50
"	31.	6551	Grace Whalen, Stenographer, salary	60 00
"	"	6552	C. Bier, Janitor, salary	50 00
"	"	6553	Geo. Coburn, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	6554	Theo. A. Ross, Adjutant-General, salary	83 33
"	"	6555	Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, office expenses	200 00
1895.				
Jan.	3.	6556	August Wehr, rent of office	208 33
"	4.	6557	John Medole & Son, books, etc	474 24
"	5.	6558	C. G. Braxmar, Honorable Veteran Jewels	108 18
"	"	6559	George F. Lewis' Son, cards	334 12
"	"	6560	The Duhme Co., Veteran Jewels	315 75
"	9.	6561	A. Hoen & Co., P. M. Commissions & Warrants	500 00
"	26.	6562	Dobler & Mudge, paper for Revised Journal	1,035 62
"	"	6563	Times Printing Co., printing Revised Journal	1,000 00
"	31.	6564	Geo. Coburn, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	6565	Grace Whalen, Stenographer, salary	60 00
"	"	6566	C. Bier, Janitor, salary	50 00
"	"	6567	Theo. A. Ross, Adjutant-General, salary	83 33
Feb.	2.	6568	The Duhme Co., Veteran Jewels	87 00
"	4.	6569	August Wehr, rent of office	208 33
"	5.	6570	C. G. Braxmar, Honorable Veteran Jewels	71 18
"	9.	6571	Dobler & Mudge, paper for Revised Journal	360 96
"	"	6572	George F. Lewis' Son, cards	314 15
"	"	6573	John Medole & Son, odes, etc	342 04

Feb.	9.	6574	M. R. Muckle, Committee on Property	$10 68
"	"	6575	J. B. Blanks, Committee on Property	17 40
"	"	6576	James Young, Committee on Property	3 00
"	"	6577	A. S. Pinkerton, Committee on Property	32 28
"	"	6578	W. W. Morris, Committee on Property	60 68
"	"	6579	John M. Jones, Committee on Property	3 00
"	28.	6580	Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, salary	625 00
"	"	6581	Theo. A. Ross, Adjutant General, salary	83 33
"	"	6582	Geo. Coburn, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	6583	Grace Whalen, Stenographer, salary	60 00
"	"	6584	C. Bier, Janitor, salary	50 00
Mar.	2.	6585	The Duhme Co., Veteran Jewels	121 50
"	"	6586	John Medole & Son, books	317 90
"	4.	6587	August Wehr, rent of office	208 33
"	6.	6588	C. G. Braxmar, Honorable Veteran Jewels	144 56
"	23.	6589	A. Hoen & Co., P. M. Retired Commissions	85 00
"	"	6590	A. Hoen & Co., lithographing backs of Visiting Cards	113 44
"	"	6591	J. W. Stebbins, Grand Sire, clerk hire	125 00
"	"	6592	Radecke & Co., packing boxes	6 52
"	"	6593	William Baumgarten, Canton Seals	4 00
"	"	6594	J. W. Stebbins, Grand Sire, expenses	18 34
"	30.	6595	Geo. Coburn, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	6596	Grace Whalen, Stenographer, salary	60 00
"	"	6597	C. Bier, Janitor, salary	50 00
"	"	6598	Theo. A. Ross, Adjutant-General, salary	83 33
April	1.	6599	The Duhme Co., Veteran Jewels	271 50
"	2.	6600	August Wehr, rent of office	208 33
"	10.	6601	Times Printing Co., printing Revised Journal	1,200 00
"	20.	6602	Times Printing Co., postage on Revised Journal	77 98
"	"	6603	Times Printing Co., expressage on Rev'd Journal	105 62
"	25.	6604	John Medole & Son, books and cards	467 24
"	"	6605	John Gray, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	9 00
"	"	6606	James F. Crosett, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	45 00
"	26.	6607	William E. Kirby, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	11 25
"	"	6608	H. T. Jerman, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	11 00
"	"	6609	F. E. Cornwall, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	33 75
"	"	6610	J. E. Bodine, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	9 00
"	"	6611	J. T. Abbott, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	9 00
"	"	6612	E L. Gresham, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	12 00
"	"	6613	C. H. Brownlee, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	9 00
"	"	6614	W. Schott, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	27 00
"	"	6615	N. W. Brenan, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	9 00
"	"	6616	E. C. Shafer, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	9 00
"	"	6617	J. C. Whitaker, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	24 00
"	"	6618	R. J. Faulknor, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	18 00
"	"	6619	G. J. Scott, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	9 00
"	"	6620	E. C. Deans, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	9 00
"	"	6621	C. R. Willis, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	9 00
"	"	6622	D. W. Gladding, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	9 00
"	"	6623	F. W. Lewis, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	29 25
"	"	6624	L. C. Grant, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	9 00
"	"	6625	E. A. Billingslea, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	11 25
"	"	6626	F. A. Woodward, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	11 25
"	"	6627	George F. Lewis' Son, cards and diplomas	272 40
	30.	6628	Geo. Coburn, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary	125 00

April	30.	6629	Grace Whalen, Stenographer, salary	$60 00
"	"	6630	C. Bier, Janitor, salary	50 00
"	"	6631	Theo. A. Ross, Adjutant-General, salary	83 33
May	2.	6632	The Duhme Co., Veteran Jewels	544 50
"	4.	6633	August Wehr, rent of office	208 33
"	"	6634	George F. Lewis' Son, cards	133 00
"	"	6635	Dobler & Mudge, paper for Revised Journal	129 87
"	8.	6636	C. G. Braxmar, Honorable Veteran Jewel	35 00
"	"	6637	A. Hoen & Co., Canton Warrants	230 00
"	"	6638	John Medole & Son, books and odes	811 15
"	13.	6639	J. L. Murphy Pub. Co., envelopes, etc., for Cantons	10 30
"	31.	6640	Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, salary	625 00
"	"	6641	Theo. A. Ross, Adjutant-General, salary	83 34
"	"	6642	Geo. Coburn, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	6643	Grace Whalen, Stenographer, salary	60 00
"	"	6644	C. Bier, Janitor, salary	50 00
"	"	6645	Theo. A. Ross, office expenses	200 00
June	3.	6646	The Duhme Co., Veteran Jewels	126 00
"	"	6647	August Wehr, rent of office	208 33
"	6.	6648	George F. Lewis' Son, cards	9 60
"	"	6649	C. G. Braxmar, Honorable Veteran Jewels	107 10
"	24.	6650	J. W. Stebbins, Grand Sire, clerk hire	125 00
"	"	6651	Herman Block, Special Deputy Grand Sire	500 00
"	28.	6652	J. W. Stebbins, Grand Sire, expenses	34 68
"	29.	6653	Associated Firemens' Insurance Co., insurance on furniture, etc	23 89
"	"	6654	Home Fire Insurance Co., insurance on furniture, etc	23 89
"	"	6655	Firemens' Insurance Co., insurance on furniture, etc	23 89
"	"	6656	Baltimore Fire Insurance Co., insurance on furniture, etc	23 89
"	"	6657	Theo. A. Ross, Adjutant-General. salary	83 35
"	"	6658	Geo. Coburn, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	6659	Grace Whalen, Stenographer, salary	60 00
"	"	6660	C. Bier, Janitor, salary	50 00
"	"	6661	J. W. Schweitzer, care of Wildey Monument	12 50
"	"	6662	W. R. Strickland, care of Ridgely Monument	12 50
July	2.	6663	August Wehr, rent of office	208 33
"	3.	6664	Jose Antonio Lopez, balance due him	7 18
"	"	6665	George F. Lewis' Son, cards	29 60
"	"	6666	The Duhme Co., Veteran Jewels	155 25
"	"	6667	C. G. Braxmar, Honorable Veteran Jewel	36 72
"	10.	6668	John Turnbull, Jr. & Co., cleaning and laying carpets	10 84
"	"	6669	C. Y. Davidson, plumbing in office	7 40
"	13.	6670	George F. Lewis' Son, insurance on steel plates in his office	39 60
"	"	6671	R. J. Faulknor, Canton tax, 1894, refunded	24 10
"	31.	6672	John Medole & Son, books and cards	1,115 67
"	"	6673	John Medole & Son, stationery for session 1895	46 00
"	"	6674	Theo. A. Ross, Adjutant-General, salary	83 33
"	"	6675	Geo. Coburn, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary	125 00
"	"	6676	C. Bier, Janitor, salary	50 00
"	"	6677	Grace Whalen, Stenographer, salary	60 00

July	31.	6678	August Wehr, rent of office	$208 33
"	"	6679	The Duhme Co., Veteran Jewels	103 50
"	"	6680	J. L. Murphy Pub. Co., envelopes, etc., for Cantons	20 75
"	"	6681	Times Printing Co., balance on Revised Journal	363 75
"	"	6682	Dobler & Mudge, paper, etc., for session 1895..	18 75
"	"	6683	James Young, books and printing	251 15
"	"	6684	National Seal & Stamp Works, Seals for Cantons	3 50
"	"	6685	C. Bier, stationery and boxes	13 10
"	"	6686	Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, office expenses	375 65
"	"	6687	Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, salary	416 67
"	"	6688	Isaac A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer, salary	458 33
			Aggregating	$62,000 83
			Balance in hands of Treasurer	28,601 02
			Total	$90,601 85

ASSETS.

The available assets of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at this date are as follows:

Cash balance in treasury	$28,601 02
Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. 4½ per cent. bonds	15,000 00
P., W. & B. R. R. Co. 4 per cent. bonds	15,000 00
	$58,601 02

The total available assets as per my report of August 20, 1894, were $63,251.25, showing a loss in assets of $4,650.23.

Fraternally submitted,

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,

PHILADELPHIA, July 31st, 1895. *Grand Treasurer.*

The Chair announced the Standing Committees as follows:

State of the Order.—Reps. MORRIS, of Kentucky; DILKS, of New York; ISZARD, of New Jersey; KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming; CABLE, of Ohio; PETTIT, of Florida; RUSSELL, of Texas; WATSON, of Wisconsin; DELEEUW, of Connecticut; LONGUEVILLE, of Iowa; BLOODWORTH, of Georgia.

Judiciary.—Reps. WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania; HERRING, of Texas; FRIEDHEIM, of Arkansas: WALDO, of Colorado; MAGUIRE, of California; PINKERTON, of Massachusetts; HOGE, of Utah; BULLARD, of Montana; SHIRTS, of Indiana; NYE, of Minnesota; GAMBELL, of Oregon.

Legislation.—Reps. NOLEN, of Tennessee; CARLIN, of Illinois; THOMAS, of Utah; DONOGH, of Ontario; ABERCROMBIE, of Missouri; PARKER, of Vermont; MCCLURG, of Mississippi; TALBOTT, of Indiana; ROGERS, of Colorado; WILLIS, of Idaho; ROBINSON, of Maine.

Finance.—Reps. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania; STIER, of the District of Columbia; JONES, of Maryland; CONWAY, of Illinois; BREMNER, of the Maritime Provinces; COX, of Kentucky, BRYANT, of Nebraska; LANKESTER, of Minnesota; BROWN, of Quebec; NUTT, of New Jersey; RINGLER, of West Virginia.

Constitutions.—Reps. MACK, of Nevada, MUNSELL, of Missouri; BROWNLEE, of Louisiana; THOMPSON, of California; TRUMPLER, of Rhode Island; DAVIS, of Michigan; WELCH, of Delaware; WILEY, of Texas; ATEN, of Kansas; SCHNAUBER, of South Dakota; MORFORD, of Arizona.

Foreign Relations.—Reps. GRASSMANN, of New Jersey; RICKS, of Louisiana; BLUMENTHAL, of Mississippi; STEUERNAGEL, of Pennsylvania; SCHOTT, of Montana; SANDERS, of Vermont; BETHARD, of Alabama; JORGENSEN, of Wisconsin; RICH, of Wyoming; ROCHE, of Manitoba; BLACKEBY, of Ontario.

Patriarchal Branch of the Order.—Reps. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts: VAN NOORDEN, of Ohio; SAVAGE, of California; BERTRAM, of Minnesota; WESTON, of Colorado; KOONZ, of Iowa; PIPER, of South Dakota; BURROUGHS, of the District of Columbia; COX, of Arkansas; PENFIELD, of Michigan; DANIEL, of Georgia.

Degree of Rebekah.—Reps. REA, of Pennsylvania; MUSSON, of Iowa; BADLEY, of Idaho; WARD, of Kansas; BAKER, of Illinois; CLAPP, of Ohio; WHITE, of Washington; REED, of Quebec; TUCKER, of Manitoba; MANN, of Colorado; HUFFAKER, of Nevada.

Correspondence.—Reps. WALLER, of British Columbia; WELLS, of Minnesota; WOOD, of Connecticut; ELLARD, of Indian Territory; LEE, of Maine; HOLDEN, of Rhode Island; PEARSON, of Wyoming; BODLE, of North Dakota; FARRAR, of Vermont; McKINNON, of Manitoba; MARDEN, of Massachusetts.

Petitions.—Reps. WATSON, of Florida; WEAVER, of Alabama; ROGERS, of Utah; BYER, of Nebraska; GODMAN, of Maryland; BINGHAM, of Tennessee; MANVILLE, of Connecticut; GILPATRIC, of Maine; HEINEMAN, of Michigan; PHILLIPS, of British Columbia; WHITEHURST, of Virginia.

Returns.—Reps. DILCHER, of New York; VAN DEMAN, of Florida; HALL, of West Virginia; BUCHER, of Virginia; PATTEN, of Idaho; PARKS, of Maine; MITCHELL, of Washington; WILLIAMSON, of Oregon, ADAMS, of New Hampshire; BUCK, of Kansas; ALLEN, of Indian Territory.

Unfinished Business.—Reps. WEIR, of Nebraska; REYNOLDS, of North Carolina: STANSBURY, of Virginia; HALE, of Washington; HIEHLE, of West Virginia; FATHERS, of Wisconsin; JOHNSON, of Michigan; FLOYD, of Arkansas; NEWHALL, of New Mexico; ISAAC, of Delaware; RICHARDSON, of New Hampshire.

Miscellaneous Business.—Reps. SMITH, of New Jersey; ALLAN, of the District of Columbia; REINHEIMER, of West Virginia; GLENN, of Kansas; WILLIS, of Kentucky; GLIDDEN, of New Hampshire; TWEEDALE, of Oregon; ROGERS, of the Lower Provinces; HARRIMAN, of Iowa; BROWN, of Nevada; HUTCHINSON, of Mississippi.

Grand Bodies not Represented.—Reps. PASCOE, of Montana; BAILEY, of New Hampshire; DOUGLASS, of North Carolina; JOHNSTON, of North Dakota; NEWMAN, of Oklahoma; MERICK, of Ontario; PARKER, of Oregon; FARNHAM, of Rhode Island; OATES, of Wisconsin; MOORE, of Oklahoma; LEACH, of South Carolina.

Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports.—Reps. GOODWIN, of Georgia; MORRIS, of Kentucky; WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania; NOLEN, of Tennessee; BASSETT, of North Dakota.

Patriarchs Militant.—Reps. GRANT, of Kentucky; AYDELOTT, of Tennessee; PARSON, of Missouri; YOUNG, of Maryland; STERN, of New York; MARIGOLD, of Connecticut; LEEDY, of Indiana; COMLY, of Ohio; JOLLIFFE, of Ontario.

Mileage and Per Diem—Appointed July 15th, 1895.—Reps. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana; EMERSON, of South Dakota; PEIRCE, of Rhode Island; LOOMIS, of Nebraska; SHAKSPEARE, of Delaware; HOLMES, of Washington; GOODELL, of Vermont; DOWNS, of California; STROUGH, of Oklahoma.

Appeals—Appointed July 15th, 1895.—Reps. GOODWIN, of Georgia; KELLER, of Texas; WHITLOCK, of New York; SEMMES, of Alabama; COCKRUM, of Indiana; HUMPHREY, of Illinois; COOK, of Massachusetts; GUYTON, of Maryland; DILLEY, of Missouri.

The Grand Secretary presented the following:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Rule of Order 5, requiring the Grand Secretary, upon receipt of appeals, to forward the same to the chairman of the committee, in pursuance of such direction, the following were sent to Bro. JOHN B. GOODWIN, Representative of Georgia, chairman:

1. Appeal of THOMAS C. GRAY, from the action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.
2. Appeal of LOUIS LASK, from the action of the Grand Lodge of California.
3. Appeal of V. V. STEWART, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.
4. Appeal of C. W. WERNICKE, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.
5. Appeal of JOHN T. MCSHANE, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.
6. Appeal of Massasoit Encampment, No. 1, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.
7. Appeal of JOHN J. MANDERSCHIED, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
8. Appeal of C. L. HUBBS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.
9. Appeal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, from the action of Anchor Lodge, No. 66, Denver, Colorado.
10. Appeal of H. E. HOLMES, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington.
11. Answer to the appeal of GEORGE M. DEWEY, of Michigan, by the Committee on Appeal, of Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. A. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

Also the following applications for Charters, which were referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Alameda Lodge, No. 7, Alameda, Assiniboia, Canada.
Colombo Lodge, No. 1, Naples, Italy, Europe.
Concordia Lodge, No. 5, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Europe.
Mauna Kea Lodge, No. 4, Hilo, Sandwich Islands.
Linnea Lodge, No. 8, Ystad, Sweden, Europe.
Gustaf II. Adolf Lodge, No. 9, Gothenburg, Sweden, Europe.

Warrants for which were issued during the recess.

Also the following, which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia
*Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California.
*Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia.
*Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa,
*Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.
*Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.
*Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.
*Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Minnesota.
*Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.
†Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.
*Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Sweden, Europe.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas.
*Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Utah.
*Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Utah.
*Amended By-Laws of Friendship Lodge, No. 7, Alberta, Canada.
*By-Laws of Coalgate Encampment, No. 6, Indian Territory.
*Amended By-Laws of Raton Encampment, No. 5, New Mexico.
*Amended By-Laws of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Sandwich Islands.
By-Laws of Suecia Encampment, No. 1, Sweden, Europe.
*By-Laws of Wasa Encampment, No. 2, Sweden, Europe.
*Code of Laws for Cantons and Department Council of Missouri.
*Constitution of Department Council of New Hampshire.
*Trial Code for Department of Pennsylvania.
†Constitution and By-Laws of Department of Pennsylvania.

*Approved by Grand Sire. †Approved in part by Grand Sire.

Also, the Annual Reports of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies for the year 1894, which were referred to the Committee on Returns.

Also, a petition from the Grand Encampment of Oklahoma asking that the Grand Representative tax paid up to date be remitted, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, the bill of L. S. Baker, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, for services rendered in instituting Innisfail Lodge, No. 6, and Friendship Lodge, No. 7, etc., which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, a statement of the action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in the matter of the Memorial of David Green, of said Jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Also, the bill of THE PETTIBONE BROS. MN'F'G CO., of Cincinnati, Ohio, for twenty-three silk flags, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following reports were laid on the table under the rule:

No. 3. By Rep. WHITLOCK, of New York, from the Committee on Appeals:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of C. W. WERNICKE, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, report as follows:

The Subordinate Lodge Constitution of the Jurisdiction of Idaho contains the following section:

"The qualification for Degrees shall be membership in a Lodge. That at the initiation of, and taking the Degrees by a candidate, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to appoint a competent Brother to instruct said candidate in the Secret or Unwritten Work of the Initiatory or other Degree which he has taken; that a proficiency in said Unwritten Work shall be the only qualification as to time for his advancement, said qualification to be determined by examination of said candidate in open Lodge, prior to the ballot being taken on his application, the Lodge being opened in the Degree last taken by said candidate; and all Lodges are hereby empowered to enact By-Laws imposing a fine or the suspension of a Brother failing to instruct a candidate when appointed so to do by the Noble Grand."

Bro. WERNICKE proposed, at the Grand Lodge session, to amend this section so it would read as follows:

"The qualification for Degrees shall be membership in a Lodge." The Grand Lodge refused to adopt the proposed amendment, and from such refusal, Bro. WERNICKE appeals to this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Inasmuch as this Grand Lodge has no power to direct State Grand Bodies how to frame their subordinate Constitutions, except that such Constitutions shall not be in conflict with the general law as established by this Grand Lodge, and inasmuch as it does not appear necessary to adopt such an amendment to bring about such a result in the matter in hand, it follows that the appeal should be dismissed, which course is hereby recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR WHITLOCK,	JAMES B. GUYTON,	JOHN B. GOODWIN,
LOUIS A. COOK,	B. M. DILLEY,	J. O. HUMPHREY,
O. J. SEMMES,	C. A. KELLER,	JOHN B. COCKRUM.

No. 4. By Rep. KELLER, of Texas, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of LOUIS LASK from the action of the Grand Lodge of California in rejecting the claim of appellant in the sum of seventy-five dollars, against Yuba Lodge, No. 5, for funeral expenses incurred by said appellant in the burial of his brother, JOSEPH LASK, beg leave to report as follows:

JOSEPH LASK, a member of Yuba Lodge, died in April, 1894, and was buried by his brother, the appellant here, and who is, it appears, the nearest relative of the deceased. The appellant presented his bill to Yuba Lodge for the sum of seventy-five dollars, funeral expenses incurred by him, in the burial of his said brother. When the matter of appellant's claim came before the Lodge, the same was rejected, and he appealed to the Grand Lodge. The matter came before the Grand Lodge and was referred to the Committee on Appeals. The committee reported adversely to the claimant upon the ground that while the By-Laws of Yuba Lodge provide for the payment of funeral expenses as distinguished from funeral benefits, it should be so construed as to limit it to such cases as a burial of a Brother by the Order or by his family or dependent relatives. This report was adopted by the Grand Lodge of California, and from the adoption of this report LOUIS LASK has appealed.

Section 3 of Article IV. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges in California reads as follows:

"In case of the death of a member, irrespective of his standing relative to sick benefits, there shall be allowed from the Lodge a uniform sum of not less than thirty dollars to defray the expenses of the burial, to be paid by the Noble Grand on account of the funeral; provided the Brother be buried by the Order or at the expense of the family of the deceased. In the absence of competent relations the Noble Grand shall take charge of the funeral, and render an account of the disbursements. In addition to the above, the Lodge may provide in its By-Laws for a funeral benefit."

Section 4 of Article VII. of the By-Laws of Yuba Lodge, No. 5, provides as follows:

"On the death of a Brother the sum of seventy-five dollars shall be appropriated, and paid by the Noble Grand, toward defraying his funeral expenses; and no further expense shall be incurred except such as may be necessary for the accommodation of the Lodge in attending the funeral. If no funeral expenses are incurred by the death of a Brother, no appropriation shall be made from the funds of the Lodge."

That the funeral expenses for the burial of JOSEPH LASK were incurred and paid by LOUIS LASK is not disputed; and under the decision of this Grand Body at its last session in the appeal of J. B. CRAWFORD, P. G. M. (Journal, 1894, p. 13,989), your committee are of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of California should have sustained the appeal of said LOUIS LASK, and they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of LOUIS LASK be sustained, and that the Grand Lodge of California be directed to require Yuba Lodge, No. 5, to pay the said appellant the sum of seventy-five dollars allowed by its By-Laws for funeral expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. KELLER,	O. J. SEMMES,	J. O. HUMPHREY,
LOUIS A. COOK,	JAMES B. GUYTON,	B. M. DILLEY,
JOHN B. COCKRUM,	JOHN B. GOODWIN,	EDGAR WHITLOCK.

No. 5. By Rep. COCKRUM, of Indiana, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals have considered the case of Bro. V. V. STEWART on behalf of Burnham Lodge, No. 57, of Colorado, against the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

This case arises out of a claim for benefits made by Bro. S. K. SKINNER against Burnham Lodge, No. 57. Bro. SKINNER has been a member of said

Lodge for many years past. On October 13th, 1892, he was in arrears for dues. The Lodge voted him a donation of $11.50 to apply on dues, which paid his arrearages and put him in good standing until June 1st, 1893. On March 23d, 1893, Bro. SKINNER paid an additional five dollars on his dues. April 20th, 1893, Bro. SKINNER was reported sick since April 8th, 1893. On May 11th, 1893, he was reported off the sick list. At that time, Bro. SKINNER was living in LaPorte, Texas, but retained his membership in the Burnham Lodge, No. 57. The certificate of his attending physician was sent to this Lodge, and upon its receipt, the Lodge voted to allow Bro. SKINNER $25 sick benefits. and a Warrant was drawn for the same, the allowance being for five weeks' sickness. Afterwards, on August 10th, 1893, a letter was read to the Lodge from Bro. SKINNER with the signatures of several witnesses to the effect that he had been sick continuously since April 8th, 1893. This letter was placed on file, and after investigation, the claim of Bro. SKINNER was disallowed by the Lodge on October 12th, 1893. A motion to reconsider the action of the Lodge was lost on November 9th, 1893. From the action of the Lodge, Bro. SKINNER appealed to the Grand Lodge of Colorado. This appeal was considered by the Grand Master of Colorado, and the appeal was sustained. We do not go into the evidence introduced, but we find several statements from different parties concerning the claim. Many of the statements are contradictory. After the appeal was sustained by the Grand Master of Colorado, the Grand Lodge of Colorado approved the action of the Grand Master therein, and now this appeal is prosecuted by Bro. STEWART on behalf of Burnham Lodge, No. 57, against the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

The claim is made that Bro. SKINNER was sick when his Lodge donated him the $11.50 as dues; that his sickness was continuing until his claim now under consideration was made, and, therefore, he is not entitled to have his claim allowed. The record in the case as it comes to your committee, is very unsatisfactory and imperfect. We do not feel that we can fairly decide the case as it comes to us at this time. It will be certainly more satisfactory to all parties to have this question fairly considered, so that we offer the following:

Resolved, That this cause be continued, with the instruction to the Grand Lodge of Colorado, to transmit to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge the full and complete record of this cause, including certified records and all testimony in the case of whatever character, and if there be no additional record to that heretofore transmitted, and now in the hands of your committee, that a new investigation of the whole case be had in Burnham Lodge, No. 57, and a full record of the investigation of Bro. SKINNER's right to the money claimed, be preserved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. COCKRUM,	C. A. KELLER,	JOHN B. GOODWIN,
EDGAR WHITLOCK,	O. J. SEMMES,	LOUIS A. COOK,
J. O. HUMPHREY,	B. M. DILLEY,	JAS. B. GUYTON.

No. 6. By Rep. HUMPHREY, of Illinois, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of JOHN T. MCSHANE, a member of Carmel Lodge, No. 401, of Indiana, from the action of the Grand Lodge of that State, having had the same under consideration, report as follows:

Charges were preferred against MCSHANE in the said Carmel Lodge, in 1892, for using indecent and profane language and for renouncing and censuring his Lodge.

By change of venue, trial was had before Zionsville Lodge, No. 285, of Indiana, resulting in the expulsion of McSHANE from the Order. From this action he appealed to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, where the order of expulsion was affirmed. McSHANE then appealed to this Grand Lodge, assigning numerous errors, some technical and others to the merits.

The first five errors assigned raise the question of the jurisdiction of the Trial Lodge, alleging that the record does not show the appointment of the preliminary investigating committee, which alone have power, under the Indiana Code, to formulate and present charges against a Brother.

The approved and printed Journal of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, for 1892, page 1469, shows that the omission charged is apparent and not real, and your committee are of opinion that the jurisdiction of the Trial Lodge was ample and complete.

Upon the more important question arising on this record, we are of opinion that the evidence does not justify the Grand Lodge of Indiana in leaving appellant where the action of the Trial Lodge placed him.

There can be only scant justification for language such as appellant is charged with using. Odd Fellows, both as individuals and Lodges, should be foremost among the moral agencies of the world in the severity of their censure and disapproval of such conduct, but we cannot say that it is never excusable. The language, upon which the charges are based, is alleged to have been used by appellant on occasion of two different interviews and with different persons.

At the first interview, the provocation was great, so great indeed as to afford justification for passionate speech, and the words used on this occasion, if true, created no offence against this Order.

The second interview was followed by a prompt, complete and manly apology from appellant to his Lodge for the use of the alleged language. This letter of apology following closely upon the charge, robbed the case of its worst feature. It is not denied that the letter was in good faith, and should, we think, have been accepted by the Lodge as satisfactory.

The charge of renouncing and censuring the Order is not sustained by the evidence. Attempt is made to show that appellant renounced the Order of Odd Fellows. The record fails to show such intention. We, therefore, recommend the following:

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained; that the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana be reversed, and that the charges be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. HUMPHREY, EDGAR WHITLOCK, C. A. KELLER,
LOUIS A. COOK, O. J. SEMMES, B. M. DILLEY,
JAMES B. GUYTON, JOHN B. GOODWIN.

Rep. COCKRUM, being a member of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, took no part in the consideration of this case.

No. 7. By Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Massasoit Encampment, No. 1, of Massachusetts, against the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, respectfully report, that we find the facts to be: On motion it was voted by Massasoit Encampment that the Trustees of Funds be authorized to invest the sum of one thousand dollars in the capital stock of the Boston Association of Odd Fellows. From this action of the Encampment, an appeal was taken to the Grand Encampment, which sustained the appeal, and restrained Massasoit Encampment from making the investment; that the invested funds of the Encampment amount to more

than ten thousand dollars. These are all the facts material to the determination of the issue.

The sole question for discussion is: Has a Grand Encampment the right to control its Subordinates in the investment of its funds, and if it has, to what extent does this power extend?

Down to 1857, it has been the well established practice of this Body (S. G. L.) to recognize the power of a Subordinate Lodge over its financial affairs as a delicate, sacred and highly cherished prerogative, Journal 1855, pp. 2,496, 2,520. The investment of the fund of a Subordinate Lodge is a matter exclusively of local legislation, Journal 1857, p. 2,831. See also White's Digest, 1889, Sections 1511, 394, 420; Journal 1890, pp. 11,897, 12,172, 12,276.

It thus appears that the investment of the funds of local Subordinates is a matter of local legislation, and the only legislation on the subject is Clause 1 of Article VI. of the uniform Constitution for Subordinate Encampments established and promulgated by the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts; the portion affecting this appeal being: "Said Trustees shall deposit in some reliable trust or banking company, or invest in any other manner this Encampment may direct, all moneys they may receive from the Treasurer or otherwise, belonging to this Encampment," this is undoubtedly authority to the Subordinate Encampments to invest their funds as they may deem best; but Section 421 of White's Digest, 1889, is relied upon by the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts to support its action, which was based upon the proposition that the Encampment was investing an unreasonable amount of its funds in the Boston Association of Odd Fellows. Grand Sire WHITE, in this decision, uses this language: "I do not think a Lodge should invest its funds to such an extent in anything as to disable it from being in a situation to respond to calls likely to be made upon it for the relief of its distressed members. * * * As at present advised, I think the rule should be, and I decide, that Odd Fellows' Lodges may, for the purpose of providing a place for its meetings, use a reasonable portion of its funds to purchase stock in an Odd Fellows' Association." In the first part of the decision, Grand Sire WHITE very clearly expresses what he considers a reasonable reservation of funds. All the decisions upon the subject, with the exception of the one digested as Section 421, uniformly hold, that Subordinates have the right to manage and control their funds, in so far as investments are concerned, and your committee are unwilling to give Section 421 any broader scope than a strict construction of the words requires. The record shows that Massasoit Encampment has an invested fund of more than ten thousand dollars, and there can be no danger of its not being amply able to meet all demands that may be made upon it for the purpose of relieving its distressed members.

Even should the committee hold that a Subordinate could invest only a reasonable amount of its funds, still the decision of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts should be reversed, as the record shows the amount appropriated to investment, in the Boston Association of Odd Fellows, is not unreasonable, considering the financial ability of the Encampment.

Resolved, That the appeal of Massasoit Encampment be sustained and that the action of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, in setting aside the resolution of Massasoit Encampment, ordering the purchase of one thousand dollars worth of stock in the Boston Association of Odd Fellows be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

O. J. SEMMES, J. O. HUMPHREY, C. A. KELLER,
JOHN B. COCKRUM, EDGAR WHITLOCK, JAS. B. GUYTON,
B. M. DILLEY, JOHN B. GOODWIN.

Note.—Rep. COOK, of Massachusetts, took no part in the decision of the above case, he being a member of the Encampment whose action is involved in the case.

No. 8. By Rep. GUYTON, of Maryland, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec on behalf of Mispah Lodge, No. 3, of Montreal, vs. Anchor Lodge, No. 66, Denver, Colorado, respectfully report, that they have considered the same and submit the following for your consideration:

This case grows out of a claim for the sum of $38.50, made by said Mispah Lodge, No. 3, against said Anchor Lodge, No. 66, alleged to be due the former for sick benefits, etc., paid to Brother W. J. MCKERLEY, formerly a member of said Anchor Lodge. Numerous papers, consisting chiefly of correspondence between said Lodges relative to said claim, have been filed in the case. It appears, however, that the whole matter was fully investigated and passed upon by the Grand Lodge of Colorado at its session of 1894, at the instance of Mispah Lodge, No. 3, of Montreal, and we find no appeal from that action of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. Your committee, therefore, ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. GUYTON, EDGAR WHITLOCK, JOHN B. GOODWIN,
LOUIS A. COOK, J. O. HUMPHREY, B. M. DILLEY,
C. A. KELLER, O. J. SEMMES, JOHN B. COCKRUM.

No. 9. By Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals have had under consideration the appeal of THOMAS C. GRAY, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and submit the following report thereon:

The case is this: In May, 1895, application was made by the Secretary of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, for a certificate as provided by the sixth clause, page 13,083, Journal of Proceedings, Sovereign Grand Lodge for 1892, said association having complied with all the requirements for such application, and having had a certificate for the year soon to expire. This application was not acted on by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, but was by them referred to the Grand Lodge for directions, at the session held in June, 1895.

At this session of the Grand Lodge, a petition was presented from the Board of Management of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia, showing its organization and work, and referring to its competitor, the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, and asking that no license be issued by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia to "any insurance association or company to do business in this Jurisdiction" (B. C.), and further claiming, for petitioner company, exemption from requirement to take out insurance, under the Grand Sire's decisions Nos. 32 and 33, session of 1893, approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The application for certificate by the one association and the petition against granting it, by the other association, were referred to the Committee on Legislation, who reported in favor of granting the certificate to the applicant, and holding that the petitioner was also required to have license. The report and action thereon were as follows:

"III. ODD FELLOWS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

"Regarding the communication from the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada asking permission to do business within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of B. C. We would say that as the above association has complied with the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, sessions 1892 and 1893, permission must be granted by this Grand Lodge to permit the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada to operate in this Province for one year, commencing July 1st, 1895, and ending June 30th, 1896.

"IV. B. C. ODD FELLOWS' INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

"In reference to the petition of the Board of Management of the Odd Fellows' Insurance of B. C., we would say that it is absolutely necessary for this association to take out the necessary insurance certificate through the Sovereign Grand Lodge in order to do legitimate business in this Province. See pages 13,645, 13,648 Journal of Proceedings, S. G. Lodge, 1893."

This report was received by the said Grand Lodge and considered seriatim, and the following proceedings were taken and resolutions adopted thereon:

It was moved, seconded and carried: That the report be received and considered seriatim.

By consent, Clause IV. was considered before Clause III.

It was moved and seconded that the clause be adopted as read. Moved and seconded as an amendment: "That the clause be amended by striking out all the words after the words 'B. C.' in second line and substituting the following:

"We recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted and that this Grand Lodge decline to grant licenses to any Odd Fellows' Insurance Association to do business in this Jurisdiction in future. Further, that in view of the decisions of the Grand Sire referred to in this petition, we do not consider it necessary for this association to take out licenses."

The amendment was carried.

The Grand Master asked permission to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge against this action of the Grand Lodge and, on motion, the request was granted.

Clause III. of the report of the Committee on Legislation was next considered, and the following amendment to the same was carried: "Strike out all the words of the clause after the words 'B. C.' in the third line and substitute the following:

"Although we have every reason to believe that this association is an excellent institution, yet we conceive it the duty of this Grand Lodge to protect our own home institution, and, therefore, recommend that the permission asked for to enable the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada to do business in this Jurisdiction be refused."

The said THOMAS C. GRAY appealed from the said decisions of said Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, on the 13th of June, 1895, upon the following grounds:

1. That it was the duty of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of said Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to issue a certificate to the said Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, in the form therein provided under said sixth clause, which is as follows:

"Upon filing with any Grand Secretary of any Grand Lodge the certificate and reports hereinbefore provided for, together with the above mentioned certificate from the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of such Jurisdiction to issue to such company or association a certificate

substantially in the form hereinbefore provided for, to be issued by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and containing the same reservation, namely, that neither the Sovereign Grand Lodge, nor Grand or Subordinate Lodges are in any way responsible for the engagements or contracts of such company or association, nor shall the certificate be considered or assumed to be an indorsement or recommendation of such association nor of its insolvency or responsibility.

"Such certificate shall entitle such company to transact its business in the territorial limits of such Grand Lodge; provided, however, that the Grand Lodge of any Jurisdiction may, by resolution, prohibit the granting of certificate of permission as herein provided for, to be issued by its Grand Master or Grand Secretary to all insurance associations. Any action heretofore had by any Grand Lodge prohibiting insurance associations from doing business within its jurisdiction shall remain unaffected by these resolutions."

2. That the said Grand Lodge had no authority nor power to refuse to issue the said certificate.

3. The said Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia, having ceased to operate through the officers of the said Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, had not complied with the requirements of the said Sovereign Grand Lodge, and were, therefore, not entitled to do business within the said Province of British Columbia, or elsewhere.

4. It was the duty of the said Grand Lodge of British Columbia to have refused to license the said Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia to do business in the Province of British Columbia.

An answer to this appeal was filed by FRED. DAVEY, Grand Secretary, claiming that the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia confined its operations to the Province of British Columbia, is local in its character and does not seek to do general insurance business, and claiming in behalf of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the power to do business without license or certificate and citing in support of that claim Journal Sovereign Grand Lodge 1892, Section 2, Clause 6, page 13,081; decisions 32 and 33 of Grand Sire, 1893, pages 13,258 and 13,259, session 1893; also, report of Committee on the Judiciary, No. 185, pages 13,660 and 13,661, Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal, 1893.

It does not clearly appear whether the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, does a general business or whether it is also a British Columbia institution, confining its operations to that Province only, but it is fairly inferable from the whole case that it does business outside of British Columbia and desires also to continue its work in that Province. It is equally as clearly inferable that the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia does business only in that Province. We have no concern with the competition between the two associations which may have occasioned the action taken by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia above recited, but only to ascertain, if we can, the law bearing upon the question, and this appears to be settled for the present at least, by the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1893, in adopting the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, pages 13,660 and 13,661 of Journal, which report is as follows:

"WHEREAS, A number of voluntary associations or small corporations have been organized in the various Jurisdictions for the purpose of aiding members thereof in sickness or providing for families of deceased members, such associations confining their operations to towns, cities or Jurisdictions in which they are located and not seeking to do general insurance business.

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to report whether or not the resolutions relating to insurance companies and requiring reports to be filed in manner therein provided, adopted at the last session

of the Grand Lodge, are applicable to such associations, introduced by Rep. PINKERTON, have duly considered the same, and respectfully report, that in the opinion of the committee the resolutions relating to insurance adopted at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1892 (Journal 13,077–13,084) were not intended to, and, in fact, do not apply to associations of the character named in the resolutions introduced by the Representatives from Massachusetts and above recited. Decision No. 33 of the Grand Sire, submitted and approved at this session, is decisive of the question here presented. The committee, therefore, find that the resolutions referred to, adopted in 1892, are not applicable to associations similar to those named, and essentially local in their character, and that such associations need not, by virtue of the resolutions of last session, make or file any report to, or in the Sovereign Grand Lodge."

See Journal, 1893, page 13,692, showing action adopting the above report.

By this action your committee must be governed, and if the law, as solemnly declared in 1893, is not satisfactory, it can be amended or repealed only by the Sovereign Grand Lodge which enacted it, but, while of force, it must be respected and obeyed. Under this law no license or certificate is required for an Odd Fellows Insurance Association of a Jurisdiction doing business only in such Jurisdiction. Under the general law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge with respect to such Insurance Associations, a Grand Lodge can refuse license or certificate to all companies or associations requiring the same as a pre-requisite to transacting business. Assuming, as we feel authorized by the record to do, that the Odd Fellows Insurance Association of British Columbia does business only in that Province, we submit the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of THOS. C. GRAY, P. G. M., be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in both questions, made in said appeal, be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. GOODWIN,	C. A. KELLER,	J. O. HUMPHREY,
JOHN B. COCKRUM,	JAS. B. GUYTON,	EDGAR WHITLOCK,
LOUIS A. COOK,	B. M. DILLEY,	O. J. SEMMES.

No. 10. By Rep. DILLEY, of Missouri, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, having under consideration the appeal of C. L. HUBBS from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, submit the following report:

The records before the committee show that on January 13th, 1893, charges were preferred against C. L. HUBBS, a member of Albuquerque Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., New Mexico, alleging that said HUBBS had committed adultery.

A copy of said charges, together with the names of the Trial Committee, was transmitted to the defendant at Seligman, Arizona, citing him to appear before said committee and make answer on January 23d, 1893.

In a communication bearing date January 27th, 1893, the Secretary of the Lodge, transmitted to defendant, at Seligman, Arizona, a copy of the testimony reported by the Trial Committee, and cited defendant to appear "at a meeting to be held two weeks hence, on the 13th day of February, 1893, at or before which time to file bill of exceptions thereto, if any."

On February 10th, 1893, without further notice to defendant, the Lodge took up the matter and voted to suspend the accused, for a period of thirty days.

On February 17th, 1893, at a regular session of the Lodge, and without notice to the defendant, the N. G. declared the action taken on February 10th, 1893, concerning the trial of defendant, to be irregular and illegal, assigning as a reason therefor, that the Lodge did not vote on the guilt or innocence of the defendant prior to voting on the penalty to be inflicted.

The Lodge then proceeded with the case by resubmitting the charges, specifications and evidence, and after finding the defendant guilty, expelled him from the Lodge. The defendant appealed to the Grand Master, and that officer, in May, 1894, reversed the action of the Lodge and adjudged the defendant to be entitled to the rights of a member in good standing.

The Grand Master based his reversal on the ground, that the notice as to time was uncertain and misleading, and that defendant, being a resident of Arizona, could not, by mail, receive such notice in such time as would give him the full two weeks' notice provided for by Section 6, Article V. of the Constitution of that Jurisdiction.

Also on the further ground, that the trial Lodge having once tried the case and fixed the penalty was bound by its own acts, and the Noble Grand had no right to annul the proceedings. Section 8, Art. V., Constitution of Subordinates for New Mexico, having reference to trials, provides that "no ballot held under this section shall be reconsidered." See also White's Digest, Sections 1605–1607.

A full record of the report of the Grand Master may be found in the Journal of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico for 1894.

On pages 482 and 483 of the Journal referred to above, we find that said Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution, viz.:

"*Be it resolved,* First, that the action of Albuquerque Lodge, No. 1, be annulled and that C. L. Hubbs be reinstated to membership.

"Second, That the Lodge proceed to dispose of the case on the charges preferred against him."

If the decision of the Grand Master needed any affirmative action on the part of the Grand Lodge to give the force and effect of a judgment binding on the Trial Lodge, and restoring the defendant to membership in said Lodge, then we submit that part first of said resolution affirmed that decision.

Albuquerque Lodge received dues from defendant on January 25th, 1895, and, in a letter enclosing a receipt for the same, informed him that his dues commenced on June 2d, 1894, thereby recognizing the defendant as a member of said Lodge.

Defendant appeals from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and alleges that said Grand Body had no right to order Albuquerque Lodge to again try him on charges for which he had once been tried. It appears from the record that defendant called upon the Grand Secretary for certified copies of all records pertaining to his case, to enable him to make up his statement of facts, which was refused. He then made up his statement of facts from such records as were obtainable, and sent the same to the Grand Officers for certification. The Grand Officers refused to certify to said statement but assigned no reason for such action.

Under Section 1651, White's Digest, 1889, this would be a sufficient reason for reversing the action of said Grand Lodge.

The record does not show any appeal from the decision of the Grand Master, and under the law of New Mexico, unless appealed from and reversed, it has full force, and in this instance was final. There are many other statements and irregularities in the record, but we deem the above recitals sufficient to indicate the grounds upon which we base our action and reach a proper conclusion.

We are of the opinion that the defendant, having once been put upon his trial, and a penalty imposed, could not again be called upon to defend against the same charges, and that the action of the Trial Lodge on Febru-

ary 17th, 1893, was irregular, and illegal. We are also of the opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, in authorizing the Trial Lodge to again try the defendant on the same charges, was error.

In view of the foregoing we recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of C. L. HUBBS be sustained, and that the action of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, in directing that the Lodge proceed to dispose of the case on the charges preferred against said HUBBS, be reversed, and further, that said Grand Lodge be directed to require Albuquerque Lodge, No. 1, to restore said C. L. HUBBS to all his rights as a member of said Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. DILLEY,	EDGAR WHITLOCK,	JAMES B. GUYTON,
JOHN B. GOODWIN,	LOUIS A. COOK,	C. A. KELLER,
J. O. HUMPHREY,	J. B. COCKRUM,	O. J. SEMMES.

No. 11. By Rep. COOK, of Massachusetts, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of H. E. HOLMES, G. Rep., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, have had under consideration the subject matter of said appeal and beg leave to make the following report:

STATEMENT.

The Grand Master of Washington, had propounded to him for decision the following question:

"If a member has made the statement before initiation that he was, to the best of his knowledge, in sound health and at the same time was drawing a pension from the U. S. Government for a physical infirmity, is he entitled to sick benefits?"

The Grand Master's decision was as follows: "No. See White's Digest, Section 56."

The Committee on Judiciary approved the above decision by its report, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge aforesaid. From this action H. E. HOLMES, G. Rep., duly appealed to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on the ground that Section 56 of White's Digest, "refers to a person sick with disease" and claiming that there is a distinction between "suffering from a disease" and a "physical infirmity" and that a member of the Order might have such a "physical infirmity" as would entitle him to a pension from his government and yet would not impair his health or prevent his earning his livelihood.

It was further contended by the appellant that, in any case, benefits could not be denied and permanently withheld under the decision as set forth in said Section 56 of White's Digest, except by a trial and conviction for obtaining membership by fraud and deception.

Your committee find that the decision of the Grand Lodge of Washington is too broad, because it assumes that "physical infirmity" means "unsound health," which may or may not be true. If the "physical infirmity" were such as to make the member eligible for sick benefits, the proper answer would be "no;" but otherwise should be in the affirmative.

We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the answer of the Grand Master, as approved by the Grand Lodge of Washington, be modified in accordance with the foregoing, and, as so modified, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS A. COOK.	EDGAR WHITLOCK,	JOHN B. GOODWIN,
JOHN B. COCKRUM,	C. A. KELLER,	B. M. DILLEY,
J. O. HUMPHREY,	O. J. SEMMES,	JAMES B. GUYTON.

No. 12. By Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Printing Supplies respectfully report, that two meetings have been held during the year, viz.: At Trenton, New Jersey, November 20th, 1894, and at Atlantic City on June 13th, 1895. Bro. JOHN M. JONES was elected Chairman, and Bro. THEODORE A. ROSS, Secretary.

The following matters, referred at last session, received attention:

1. The resolution appended to the report of this committee, page 13,975, Journal, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to employ a competent member of the Order to prepare an index for Vol. XVI. (1893, 1894), Journal, and have one thousand copies of the Journal printed and bound, and that a steel engraving of Grand Sire CAMPBELL be placed in each copy."

Bro. JOHN MEDOLE, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep., of New York, was employed to make the index, but owing to the delay of the printer, the book has not yet been issued. The contract for printing one thousand copies of Volume XVI. was awarded to the Times Printing Co., Chattanooga, Tennessee. The engravings were obtained in ample time.

2. The resolution of Rep. PINKERTON, of Massachusetts, page 14,033, Journal, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Opening, the Closing, the Initiation and Installation Odes of Subordinate Lodges and the similar Odes of Rebekah Lodges, with music suitable to the same, be printed upon card-board and sold as supplies at such prices as may be fixed by the Grand Lodge."

Rep. PINKERTON furnished the committee with music for the Odes, but as most of it was private property and copyrighted, the committee deemed it advisable to use the music in our Book of Odes. The Odes were printed from the plates of the Book of Odes, and directed to be sold to Grand Bodies at eight cents, and to Subordinates at ten cents per copy. The Odes were issued promptly, and Grand and Subordinate Bodies notified thereof and of the price.

3. The resolution of Rep. CABLE, of Ohio, page 14,155, Journal, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be required, when the present supply of the Book of Forms is exhausted, to include in the editions thereafter published, the Memorial Ceremony adopted for Subordinate Bodies, as found on pages 14,091–14,097 of the Proceedings of the present session."

A new edition of the Book of Forms was authorized and the Memorial Ceremony was inserted therein and will be found on pages 243–255.

4. The resolution of Rep. CABLE, of Ohio, page 14,155, Journal, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be required, when the present supply of the Book of Forms is exhausted, in the editions published hereafter, to strike out 'words' in the twelfth line from the top of page 33, in the edition of 1893, and insert in lieu thereof the word 'works.'"

In the new edition of the Book of Forms, "works" was substituted for "words."

5. The resolution of Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, page 14,156, Journal, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be directed to have printed, fifteen hundred copies of the Patriarchs Militant Code, adopted at this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that one copy be sent to each Department Commander, each Canton in the several Departments, and one copy to each Grand Representative to the present session of this

Grand Body, and the balance sold as are other supplies, at a price to be determined by said committee."

The Grand Secretary was authorized to have the Patriarchs Militant Code printed, which requirement was complied with as soon as possible and the copies distributed as directed in the resolution. The remainder of the copies were directed to be sold at ten cents per copy.

6. The resolution of Rep. STANSBURY, of Virginia, page 14,167, Journal, viz.:

"*Resolved.* That when the present supply of Rituals is exhausted, the Rituals to be provided thereafter shall be bound in a more substantial manner, and with flexible covers."

The committee deemed it inexpedient to have the future editions of the Rituals bound in flexible covers.

7. The contracts for printing the Officers' Reports and Revised Journal of 1895 were awarded to SPAHR & GLENN, Columbus, Ohio; for the Daily Journal of session of 1895, to EDGE & SHREVE, Atlantic City, New Jersey; for paper for Officers' Reports, Daily and Revised Journals, to DOBLER & MUDGE, Baltimore, Maryland.

The committee directed that a new edition of the Rebekah Lodge Ritual (English) be printed, and that it be made to conform to the change of title and the legislation of last session. A new edition, in accordance with the above, was printed and the necessary alterations made therein.

The committee directed the Grand Secretary to have the Rebekah Visiting and Withdrawal Cards lithographed. In compliance with the above direction, the new Cards were ordered and will soon be received.

As the first edition of the Subordinate Lodge Floor Work was nearly exhausted, and a new edition was needed, the committee directed that the new editions of the three books of Floor Work should be printed from electrotype plates to be prepared. The first editions were printed from type, owing to the uncertainty as to the demand for them.

The Revised Journal of 1894 was delivered in April and May, 1895, the distribution being much later than usual, the fault of the printer. The book contains 584 pages, 62 pages less than the Journal of 1893. Twenty-seven thousand copies were printed, at a cost of $5,664.07, about 21 cents per copy.

The following supplies were furnished to the Grand Secretary: Lodge Institution Books, 1,010; Sub. Lodge Rituals, 3,047; Sub. Lodge Floor Work, 1,013; Rebekah Lodge Rituals, 3,035; Encampment Installation Books, 1,014; Encampment Charge Books, 1,022; Book of Forms, 1,004; Question Books, 505; Anniversary Ceremony, 1,010; Memorial Ceremony, 3,097; Degree Charts, 1,300; Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, 65,400; Dismissal Certificates, 3,000; Rebekah Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, 12,000; Petitions for Membership, 7,000; Diplomas, 1,510; Subordinate and Rebekah Odes, 30,200; Veteran Jewels, 408; Rebekah Veteran Jewels, 23; Honorable Veteran Jewels, 17; Decorations of Chivalry, 42; Chevalier's Roster, 106; Warrants for Cantons, 1,000; Commissions, Active, 3,020; Commissions, Retired, 1,004; Non-Commissioned Warrants, 3,051.

The expenditures paid by the Grand Treasurer on Warrants issued by the Grand Secretary were:

Daily Journal of 1894, $1,524.35; Revised Journal, $5,664.07; Odes, Cards and Diplomas, $1,710.55; Officers' Reports, $902.77; Books and Charts, $5,052.25; Veteran, etc. Jewels, $2,830.78; P. M. Books, Commissions, Warrants, Blanks, etc., $985.75.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. JONES, GEORGE W. DILKS, WM. H. ISZARD,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, THEO. A. ROSS.

No. 13. By Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, from the Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports recommend that the subjects therein contained be referred as follows, to wit:

1st. *To the Committee on the State of the Order:*

The portions of the Grand Sire's Report as follows: Pages 14,252–14,261, relating to "The Fargo Difficulty"; page 14,267, Dispensations granted; pages 14,268, 14,269, Visitations made; pages 14,269, 14,270, under the head of "Miscellaneous," and setting forth circular issued. That portion of the report of the Grand Secretary, pages 14,317, 14,318, item No. 22, relative to procuring flags.

2d. *To the Committee on the Judiciary:*

The decisions of the Grand Sire, Nos. 1–101, pages 14,239–14,251 of his report; also that portion of his report, page 14,262, relating to "Observance of Law," etc.

3d. *To the Committee on Finance:*

That portion of the Grand Sire's Report, pages 14,251, 14,252, relating to the publication of the new Digest being prepared by JOHN H. WHITE, P. G. Sire.

The entire report of the Grand Treasurer.

The report of the Grand Secretary as follows: "Under the head of "Financial," pages 14,309-14,315; items Nos. 13, 15, 20 and 22, pages 14,315, 14,316, 14,317; under the head of "Financial," pages 14,378–14,385, 14,389–14,391; item No. 24, page 14,319, on return of Canton tax.

4th. *To the Committee on Foreign Relations:*

That portion of the Grand Sire's Report, page 14,237, referring to the report of Special Deputy Grand Sire BLOCK; also, the Special Deputy Grand Sire's Report, pages 14,271–14,283.

That portion of the Grand Secretary's Report, item No. 17, pages 14,316, 14,317; also his correspondence with foreign Jurisdictions, pages 14,339–14,359.

5th. *To the Committee on Constitutions:*

That portion of the Grand Sire's Report, pages 14,267, 14,268, under the head of "Constitutions, etc., approved."

6th. *To the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:*

That portion of the Grand Sire's Report, pages 14,237, 14,238, under the head of "The Rebekah Code," and that on page 14,264, referring to the Degree of Rebekah.

7th. *To the Committee on Correspondence:*

The correspondence of the Grand Secretary, appearing on pages 14,325–14,339 of his report.

8th. *To the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:*

The portions of the Grand Sire's Report as follows: Under the head of "The Patriarchs Militant Code," pages 14,241, 14,242; under the head of "Appeals," pages 14,245–14,247; also, the observations of the Grand Sire touching Patriarch Militant laws, page 14,247.

9th. *To a Special Committee of Five on the Homes and Buildings of the Order:*
That portion of the Grand Sire's Report under the head of "Real Estate and Homes," pages 14,264–14,267; also the report of the Grand Secretary on the same subject, pages 14,363–14,367.

10th. *To the Committee on Petitions:*
The report of the Grand Secretary, page 14,368, showing Commissions and Warrants issued.

11th. *To a Special Committee of Seven:*
That portion of the report of the Grand Secretary, page 14,373, under the head of "Office of the Grand Secretary."

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN B. GOODWIN, W. W. MORRIS, R. E. WRIGHT,
JOHN L. NOLEN, A. BASSETT.

Rep. GRANT, of Kentucky, moved that a Special Committee of Five on the Homes and Buildings of the Order be appointed, which was agreed to.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The question being on the motion,

Rep. WEIR, of Nebraska, moved to amend by substituting 5 for 4 o'clock.

The question being on the amendment,

Rep. ISZARD, of New Jersey, moved to further amend by making the hour 8 o'clock P. M.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. ISZARD, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. WEIR, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original motion, it was not agreed to.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, which was agreed to.

The Grand Sire, accordingly, declared the Grand Lodge adjourned.

TUESDAY, September 17th, 1895, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STEBBINS	Grand Sire.
FRED CARLETON	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS	Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE COBURN	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	Grand Chaplain.
JAMES B. BLANKS	Grand Marshal.
FRED S. HUNT	Grand Guardian.
JOHN R. HARWELL	Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS	New York.
MILTON J. DURHAM	Kentucky.
JOHN H. WHITE	New York.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE	North Carolina.
CL. T. CAMPBELL	Ontario, Canada.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday be dispensed with, which was adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented the Credentials of GEORGE M. HUSKINS, from the Grand Encampment of Colorado, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Chair announced the following appointments:

Bro. M. F. DOUD, P. G., of Missouri, Official Reporter; Bro. W. T. BREWER, P. G., of New Jersey, Assistant Grand Guardian; Bro. L. W. SHERWOOD, P. G., of Ohio, Assistant Grand Messenger.

The Chair also announced the following:

Special Committee on the Homes and Buildings of the Order.—Reps. HUMPHREY, of Illinois; PARSON, of Missouri; PINKERTON, of Massachusetts; CABLE, of Ohio; STEUERNAGLE, of Pennsylvania.

The Jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. FRIEDHEIM, of Arkansas, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That a universal Recognition Sign and a universal Grip, to be communicated to both the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges in the conference of the Initiatory Degree be adopted at this session, and that a Committee of Three Grand Representatives be appointed by the Grand Sire for that purpose.

Reps. FLOYD, COX and FRIEDHEIM, of Arkansas, presented the following, which, on motion of Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, was made the special order for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock:

The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Arkansas, also the municipality and various local organizations of the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas, extend a hearty invitation to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to hold the session of that Body in 1896, at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Rep. FLOYD, of Arkansas, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

WHEREAS, The erection and maintenance of Homes for the aged and indigent members, Homes for the widows of aged and indigent members, and Homes for the care, support and education of dependent orphans of deceased members of the Order, are the most practical modes of extending systematic Benevolence, and in such Jurisdictions where Homes are being maintained, great benefit has resulted; and

WHEREAS, The Jurisdiction of Arkansas has taken preliminary action, looking to the due establishment of a Sanitarium at Hot Springs in said State, where sick members from any and all the Jurisdictions may receive board, care and attention, at the average rates paid for sick benefits weekly, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Sovereign Grand Lodge cordially commend the efforts of their Brothers in Arkansas, in the matter referred to, and bespeak for them the encouragement and substantial aid of the several Jurisdictions.

Rep. SAVAGE, of California, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

Resolved, That Section 102, of the Revised Code of Laws, for the government of the Patriarchs Militant, adopted by this Grand Lodge at its session held in 1894, be amended by inserting the words "his Staff" after the word "Commander" in the second line, so that the section will read as follows:

"Sec. 102. A Department Council shall consist of the Department Commander, his Staff, and all officers in command of Cantons, Battalions, Regiments, Brigades and Divisions, but the Council may provide for additional members, being representatives duly elected by the several Cantons and organized Bodies in the Department."

Reps. THOMPSON and MAGUIRE, of California, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of California, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That a new Degree be created for the use of Rebekah Lodges, to be known and designated as "Past Noble Grand's Degree," and the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah are hereby instructed to prepare the Work of such a Degree, and report the same to this Grand Lodge at its secret session.

Also, the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Resolved, That a new Degree be created for the use of Rebekah Assemblies, to be known and designated as "Rebekah Assembly Degree," and the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah are hereby instructed to prepare the Work of such a Degree and report the same to this Grand Lodge at its secret session.

Rep. WALDO, of Colorado, moved the following, which were referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the "Laws for the Government of Rebekah Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, September, 1894," be amended by the adoption of the following resolutions, to-wit:

In order that said laws may agree more closely with the laws which govern other branches of the Order,

1st. *Resolved*, That Section 11 of said laws be amended so as to make the office of Financial Secretary optional instead of imperative, and, also, so as to provide definitely by whom appointments shall be made, making it agree with the laws digested in Section 944 of White's Digest of 1889; and that said section, as amended, shall read as follows, to-wit:

"Sec. 11. The officers of a Rebekah Lodge shall be a Noble Grand, a Vice Grand, a Secretary, a Financial Secretary (if necessary), and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Lodge; a Warden, a Conductor, an Inside Guardian, an Outside Guardian, Right and Left Supporters to the Noble Grand, and a Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the Noble Grand; and Right and Left Supporters to the Vice Grand, who shall be appointed by the Vice Grand."

2d. *Resolved*, That Section 12 of said laws be amended so as to make it necessary for Secretaries and Treasurers to have served in appointive offices; so as to provide more clearly for the case of a new Lodge, and of a vacancy when all qualified persons refuse; and so as to allow Grand Lodges the same discretion as to official terms as they have in regard to Subordinate Lodges; and that said section, as amended, shall read as follows, to wit:

"Sec. 12. Any member, in good standing, of a Rebekah Lodge is eligible to election or appointment to any office in such Lodge except to the offices of Noble Grand and Vice Grand. To be eligible to the office of Vice Grand, a member must have served a term in some elective or appointive office in a Rebekah Lodge other than Trustee; and to be eligible to the office of Noble Grand, a member must have served a term in the office of Vice Grand in a Rebekah Lodge. But any member, in good standing, may be elected as the first Noble Grand or Vice Grand of a new or revived Lodge, or to fill a vacancy occurring during the first term (called a special term), of such new or revived Lodge. And in case of a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand or Vice Grand, of a Rebekah Lodge, if all qualified members refuse to accept such vacant office, the Lodge may elect any member thereto, provided, that a Dispensation for the purpose be obtained from the proper authority in the Jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs, before any such officer so elected can be installed, or can act as such officer. All offices shall be for a term of six months or one year, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction; which Grand Lodge may provide a longer term for Secretaries, Financial Secretaries and Treasurers than for other officers."

3d. *Resolved*, That Section 24 of said laws be so amended, as to leave the number of black ballots required to reject a candidate to local legislation: also, that the time for the renewal of an application for membership may be left to local legislation, as it is in all other portions of the Order; and that said section, as amended, shall read as follows, to wit:

"Sec. 24. Voting in Rebekah Lodges upon the admission or reinstatement of members, (including initiation, admission by Card or by Dismissal Certificate), and, also, upon suspension for cause, expulsion, reprimand or fine, shall be by ball ballot."

In order that customs in regard to regalia worn by Sisters not in office may be warranted by law,

4th. *Resolved*, That the clause in Section 25 of said laws, which relates to the regalia for ladies not in office, be amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

"For the lady members other than officers, a badge of pink and green ribbon, or a collar of pink and green, neither of which shall be more than three inches in width."

And in order to provide laws to govern certain matters in which Rebekah Lodges differ from Subordinate Lodges,

5th. *Resolved*, That a section, to be numbered Section 35, be added to said laws, which shall read as follows:

"Sec. 35. Whenever Brothers or Sisters, who have heretofore received the Degree of Rebekah in a Subordinate Lodge, or in a Rebekah Lodge without becoming members thereof, shall be regularly elected to membership in a Rebekah Lodge, it shall not be necessary again to initiate them in the new Work of the Degree, the Obligation already taken being binding upon them in reference to such new Work, but they shall become members upon signing the Constitution of the Lodge, or upon election, if the local laws shall so provide. The terms of admission, and the proof of former possession of the Degree, in such cases, shall be such as shall be provided by the local Grand Lodge, or, in the absence of legislation by such Grand Lodge, shall be such as satisfies the Rebekah Lodge."

And as, by Section 10 of said laws, no Brother can be a member of a Rebekah Lodge without being, also, a member of a Lodge which is bound by law to provide fully for his necessities in the matter of attentive benefits, or watching when sick; while he is, in like manner, bound to perform like watching services for other Brothers,

6th. *Resolved*, That a section, to be numbered Section 36, be added to said laws, which shall read as follows, to-wit:

"Sec. 36. It shall be lawful for any Grand Body, having jurisdiction over Rebekah Lodges, to provide for requiring only the Sisters in Rebekah Lodges to perform the service of watching with the sick; and for requiring the Sisters only to watch with sick Sisters; leaving the watching for, and by, Brothers to the Subordinate Lodges."

7th. *Resolved, further*, That, in every case where any law of this Sovereign Grand Lodge confers, or shall hereafter confer, any power, in regard to Rebekah Lodges or the Rebekah Degree, upon Grand Masters, it shall be lawful for any Grand Lodge to enact that the same powers shall be exercised in the jurisdiction of such Grand Lodge by the President of the Rebekah Assembly, and not by the Grand Master; or to authorize the Rebekah Assembly to enact such legislation.

And, as all laws for Rebekah Lodges not contained in said Code were expressly repealed thereby, which seems to include the laws digested in Section 1326 of White's Digest of 1889,

8th. *Resolved*, That a section, to be numbered Section 37, be added to said laws, which shall read as follows, to-wit:

"Sec. 37. The Grand Master, (or, if empowered by authority of the Grand Lodge, the President of the Rebekah Assembly), of each Grand Lodge represented in this Sovereign Grand Lodge under which any Rebekah Lodge has been, or hereafter shall be, instituted, is required to make a Semi-annual Password for use in all Rebekah Lodges in the Jurisdiction of such Grand Lodge; which Password shall be a test of good standing in a Rebekah Lodge, and shall be used at the outer door of such Lodges to obtain admission to the ante-room. This Semi-annual Word shall be used only in the Jurisdiction to which it properly belongs, and shall be communicated privately to all persons entitled to receive it."

And as the laws providing for the use of the Annual Password of the Degree of Rebekah as a Traveling Password, found digested in Sections 1229 and 1230 of White's Digest of 1889, are also repealed by said Section 34 of said laws,

9th. *Resolved*, That a section be added to said laws, to be numbered Section 38, which shall read as follows, to-wit:

"Sec. 38. The Annual Password for the Degree of Rebekah shall be used in conjunction with a Visiting or Withdrawal Card issued by a Rebekah Lodge, when the holder thereof is visiting a Rebekah Lodge in any Jurisdiction other than the one to which the visitor belongs, as a Traveling Password; but shall be communicated, and otherwise used, in the manner prescribed in the Ritual of the Degree, notwithstanding its use as a Traveling Password."

And, in order that Grand Lodges which meet before January 1st, 1896, may adopt laws in accordance with the foregoing resolutions,

10th. *Resolved, further*, That the foregoing resolutions shall take effect immediately upon their adoption.

Also, the following, which were referred to the Committee on Legislation:

WHEREAS, The law in regard to public installations which was adopted in 1858 (see pp. 2806, 2971 of Journal), which is digested in Section 1023 of the Digest of 1889, restricted the right to conduct a public installation to a very small class of the officers who might have conducted the same installation if not public; and

WHEREAS, The same law as amended at the session of this Grand Lodge in 1894 (see pp. 14,119, 14,120, and 14,150 of Journal, Report No. 137), while abandoning that restrictive policy as far as Subordinate Lodges are con-

cerned, restricted the right to hold public installations, at all, to Subordinate Lodges, omitting Encampments and Rebekah Lodges;

Resolved, That said law be further amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

"The several Grand Bodies in this Order are hereby authorized to confer upon their Subordinates the right to install their officers in public; provided, that the ceremony be conducted by some person who would be authorized to conduct the same installation if not public; and provided, that the form, prescribed by this Grand Lodge for public installation, is used."

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the portion of Section 30 of the Rebekah Code, which is as follows:

"And such Grand Lodges may clothe said Assemblies with such powers, and may surround them with such limitations, as they may deem best in order to carry out the objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges as above declared," be amended so as to read as follows:

"And such Grand Lodges may clothe said Assemblies with such powers, and may surround them with such limitations, as they may deem best, in order to promote the interests of the Rebekah branch of this Order; and this shall include any and all powers which are, and which shall hereafter be, vested in said Grand Lodges, and in any of their officers, by any law of this Grand Lodge; and shall, also, include the right to any Grand Lodge which sees fit to do so, to clothe the Rebekah Assembly, which it may authorize in its Jurisdiction, with power to confer upon its President all power and authority in regard to the organization, control, discipline, administration and management of Rebekah Lodges, and in regard to conferring the Degree upon applicants for a Charter, which such Grand Lodge could lawfully confer, and which this Grand Lodge confers, upon the Grand Master."

Resolved, That the rest of said Section 30, not above quoted, remain unchanged.

Rep. ALLAN, of the District of Columbia, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That in Jurisdictions where the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master or a District Deputy Grand Patriarch is not provided for by law, a Past Grand (or Past Chief Patriarch), who has been appointed by a Grand Master (or Grand Patriarch), to install the officers of a Lodge or of an Encampment, is entitled to the Honors of the Order when he appears for that purpose.

Reps. ALLAN and STIER, of the District of Columbia, by instruction from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be instructed to take into consideration the compiling of a pocket Manual, containing the lectures in the Ritual and the Burial Service, and to have such number of said Manual printed as they may deem advisable, to be sold as other supplies.

Rep. ALLAN, of the District of Columbia, laid on the table the following proposition to amend the Constitution:

Amend Article XVI. Section 2, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by adding after the word "Universe" in the fourth line of said section the words "provided that the sons of Odd Fellows who have arrived at the age of eighteen years shall be also entitled to admission to the Order," so that when amended, Section 2 will read: "No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; provided, that the sons of Odd Fellows who have arrived at the age of eighteen years shall be also entitled to admission to the Order; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation."

WM. P. ALLAN, of the District of Columbia.
WM. W. MORRIS, of Kentucky.
JAMES G. MAGUIRE, of California.
JAMES G. AYDELOTT, of Tennessee.

Rep. DANIEL, of Georgia, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. LEEDY, of Indiana, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

The Rebekah Assembly of Indiana, at its session in May, 1895, with more than 600 delegates and members in attendance, unanimously adopted a resolution requesting a Password and Sign for Rebekah Assemblies. We, therefore, move the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah be, and are hereby, directed to report to this Grand Lodge for its adoption, in secret session, a suitable Password and Sign for Rebekah Assemblies.

Rep. COCKRUM, of Indiana, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That hereafter the Grand Officers who have reports to this Grand Lodge which are required to be printed, may have such reports printed at such time and place as suits their convenience, and present a bill for such printing to this Grand Lodge at the succeeding session thereof, when the same shall be paid, as other expenses of the Grand Lodge are paid.

Rep. GRANT, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the laws for the government of Rebekah Lodges, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, be amended by adding to Section 6, the following:

4. Provided, that the word "white," as a condition of membership in the Order of Odd Fellows, in Section 2, Article XVI., Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall apply to all persons, male or female, applying for membership in Rebekah Lodges.

Rep. HUMPHREY, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That the resolution of Rep. CONWAY, of Illinois, on the subject of Minimum Dues, presented at last session, and laid over for one year, be referred to the Committee on Legislation. See page 14,020, S. G. L. Journal, 1894.

Rep. CONWAY, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies:

Resolved, That the Rebekah Ritual be translated into, and a suitable quantity thereof printed, in the Bohemian language.

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge, all Past Grand Sires who shall be present at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall receive mileage and per diem.

Reps. BAKER and CARLIN, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Rebekah State Assembly of Illinois, this Sovereign Grand Lodge adopt some suitable Sign by which members of Subordinate Lodges who are not in possession of the Rebekah Degree may be made known to Rebekah members.

Rep. MUSSON, of Iowa, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah be instructed to amend the Ceremony for Dedicating Halls, so that the Rebekah Degree be suitably represented therein.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, presented communications from the Jurisdictions of Kentucky and Indiana, relative to Veteran Associations, which, at his request, were referred to a Special Committee of Nine.

Reps. GRANT and COX, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Amend Section 17 of the laws for the government of Rebekah Lodges, so that the same, when amended, shall read as follows:

"SEC. 17. To fix and establish initiation fees and dues, to be paid at such time and in such manner as the Constitution or By-Laws may provide, and to provide by By-Law when those in arrears shall be suspended from the rights and privileges of membership.

"To provide by By-Laws, subject to the approval of the Grand Bodies to which they are subordinate, for the payment of weekly benefits in case of sickness or disability among the members, and for the payment of funeral expenses."

Rep. TUCKER, of Manitoba, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

I am directed by our Grand Master to ask your ruling upon the following question: Can a Subordinate Lodge, if it wishes, engage a physician to attend its sick or disabled members at a fiscal rate per annum per member, to be paid out of the general fund? See Sections 396 and 476, White's Digest, 1889.

Reps. COOK, PINKERTON, MERRIMAN and MARDEN, of Massachusetts, presented sundry resolutions and requests from the Military Council of the Department of Massachusetts, as follows, which were referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

1st. That the term of the Department Commander ought to be the same as that of the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch.

2d. That the methods of electing the Department Commander and the other officers of the Patriarchs Militant shall be the same in each State as those prevailing in the election of officers in the Grand Lodge and Encampment of said State.

3d. That the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to remit to the Departments, fifty per cent. of the price paid for Canton officer's Commissions under the new law.

4th. That it is the sense of this Military Council that the Sovereign Grand Lodge be respectfully petitioned to abolish the Department Check.

5th. That the Sovereign Grand Lodge be respectfully petitioned to allow the Department of Massachusetts to adopt a pattern of fatigue cap for Chevaliers and officers below the rank of Major, provided it bears no insignia not belonging to the rank of its wearer in accordance with the law; samples are herewith submitted.

Reps. MARDEN and MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. MCCLURG, of Mississippi, submitted the following, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

A MEMORIAL HISTORY.

WHEREAS, The record of the tributes of respect paid by this Grand Body to the memory of its deceased members runs in disjointed and disunited history through about 450 pages of its several Journals for three-quarters of a century, and in these tributes are found the most excellent expressions of the true spirit, of the real genius of Odd Fellowship, as well as of the highest consummation of its exalted aspirations; and,

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Grand Lodge desires to give substantial evidence of its continued appreciation of the virtues of those of its membership who have passed away, and to keep fresh in the mind of the Order Universal, the undying principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, as exemplified in the lives, labors and characters of our distinguished dead. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be, and they hereby are, instructed to prepare, or have prepared and published, a Memorial History of Odd Fellowship. That said committee shall have the general supervision and control of said publication, this Grand Lodge merely suggesting that it should contain the memorial addresses and eulogies on the decease of the officers and members of this Grand Body as they may appear in the several Journals thereof, with such data as may be secured respecting deaths that have not been reported, and such other matter as the committee may consider useful and appropriate. That said committee shall determine the number of copies to be published, and fix the price at which they shall be sold, subject to any change which this Grand Lodge may hereafter see proper to make.

Rep. BLUMENTHAL, of Mississippi, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives from Mississippi be permitted during recess to send to the Grand Secretary of this Lodge a memorial on the death of our late Brother JOHN H. MCKINZIE, who was a member of this Grand Body, and departed this life since our last session.

Rep. McClurg, of Mississippi, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Has a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment authority to subscribe and pay for, out of the Treasury, one or more copies of a fraternal journal or periodical devoted exclusively to Odd Fellowship?

Rep. WEIR, of Nebraska, presented certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, concerning Odd Fellows of defunct Lodges, which were referred to the Special Committee on Veteran Odd Fellows.

Reps. MACK and HUFFAKER, of Nevada, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That at this session of this Grand Lodge the per diem of Officers and Representatives shall be computed at five dollars per day for six days, and the mileage of said Officers and Representatives shall be computed at

ten cents per mile one way by the shortest practicable route; provided that all Representatives who reside west of Colorado be allowed twelve cents per mile one way, computed by the shortest practicable route.

Rep. HUFFAKER, of Nevada, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That hereafter a copy of the reports of the Grand Officers of this Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be sent by mail to each Representative, P. G. Sire and Officer by the first Monday of September preceding each Annual Session.

Reps. HUFFAKER and MACK, of Nevada, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That each Grand Jurisdiction may provide for the admission into its Subordinate Lodges of members of a defunct Lodge.

Rep. NEWHALL, of New Mexico, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, presented certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, concerning Odd Fellows of defunct Lodges, which were referred to the Special Committee on Veteran Odd Fellows.

Reps. DILKS and STERN, of New York, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Amend Section 19 of the Code for the government of Rebekah Lodges, by adding the following words to said Section 19, viz.: "A Lodge may pay stated benefits or not, as its By-Laws may provide."

Also, the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Resolved, That sub-division 3 of Section 6 of the Code for the government of Rebekah Lodges which reads as follows:

"All unmarried white women who have attained the age of eighteen years, who believe in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and who are of good moral character," be repealed, and the following substituted in its place and stead, viz.:

"The widowed mothers, unmarried daughters, step-daughters, adopted daughters and unmarried sisters or half-sisters; also the widows, widowed mothers, unmarried daughters, step-daughters, sisters, or half-sisters of deceased Odd Fellows, who were in good standing at the time of their death."

Rep. GASTER, of North Carolina, moved the following, which were referred to a Special Committee of Five:

WHEREAS, There are a few, very few, old veterans in the Order of over fifty years' standing, who from no fault of their own, are deprived from wearing the "Honorable Veteran Jewel," as provided by law of this Grand Body; therefore,

Resolved, That whenever it can be certified that the continuous good standing in membership of fifty years was not interrupted exceeding four years, and then only while the Grand Lodge of the State did not work, and thereby deprived the Subordinates of the regular means of work, such members of Subordinates shall be entitled to receive and wear the "Honorable Veteran Jewel."

Reps. VANNOORDEN and COMLY, of Ohio, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

Resolved, That the Chevalier cap shall be the same style as Field and Staff, except that the top and sides shall be black cloth, one inch purple silk velvet band with two rows of Chevalier lace, Chevalier emblem in front. On the top, the name of the Department and the number of the Canton embroidered in one-half inch silver bullion letters and numerals, P. M. buttons on silk gold cord in front, and straight leather visor. When the name of the Department shall exceed five (5) letters, the abbreviations as printed in the United States Postal Guide may be used.

Cap for Line Officers shall be the same as Chevalier's, except the band, which shall consist of one inch gold lace interwoven with two rows of one-half inch scarlet silk, the silk stripes to be one-quarter inch apart equally distant from the edges of the band.

That this shall not interfere with Chevaliers and Line Officers now in the possession of caps, from wearing them, but that all caps purchased by Chevaliers and Line Officers in the future, must conform to the above resolution.

And that all laws heretofore enacted regulating Chevalier and Line Officer's caps are hereby repealed.

Also, the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Resolved, That Section 27 of the Patriarchs Militant Code, be amended as follows: Strike out after the word "uniform" in the second line, the words "either the full dress or the undress" and insert between the words "in" and "full" in the second line the words "fatigue or" and between the words "full" and "uniform," same line, the word "dress," so as to make said section read as follows:

"When a Chevalier as such, visits a Subordinate, he must be clothed in fatigue or full dress uniform, but he cannot occupy any chair or do the work of an officer in a Subordinate Lodge while dressed in P. M. uniform."

Also, the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Resolved, That Section 80 of the Patriarchs Militant Code, be amended by inserting between the words "record" and "may," in the third line of said section, the words, "and having served the majority of his Commission" to make the section read as follows:

"Any officer above the grade of Captain, upon the surrender of his position by resignation, or otherwise, having an honorable record, and having served the majority of his Commission, may obtain a retired Commission, etc."

Also, the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Resolved, That blank Commissions and Non-Commission Warrants shall be furnished to the Department Councils at a price that will equal the cost of printing or engraving, with the usual per cent. of profit, charged by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on similar supplies, added, and that Section 127 of the Code governing the Patriarchs Militant be so amended.

Rep. CABLE, of Ohio, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That obituary notices that have been, or may be, presented during the session, be printed in the Revised Journal.

Reps. VAN NOORDEN and COMLY, of Ohio, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

Resolved, That a section be added to the Patriarchs Militant Code, as follows: That no Commission shall be issued to a Field or Staff Officer unless he be a Chevalier in good standing in a Canton in good standing.

Rep. GAMBELL, of Oregon, presented a proposed Installation Ceremony for the use of Rebekah Assemblies, submitted at the request of the Rebekah Assembly of the Jurisdiction of Oregon, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

Reps. WRIGHT and REA, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That permission be, and is hereby, granted to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to order and direct the satisfaction and cancellation of the mortgage of $10,000 on the Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania, and the mortgage of $2,000 on the Odd Fellows' Home of Western Pennsylvania, without any proceedings in, or decree of, court.

Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which were referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

WHEREAS, There are many Rebekah State Assemblies that have petitioned for a Degree in which the Assembly shall work; many of them finding their deliberations are interfered with, and confusion created by the admission of those who are not Past Noble Grands. Therefore, in accordance with their wishes, be it hereby

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report a Past Noble Grands' Degree, and Rebekah State Assemblies will have the privilege of working in the said Degree.

Also, the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report a universal Recognition Sign, that shall be used in Subordinate Lodges and in Rebekah Lodges, for the especial benefit and use of the Daughters of Rebekah.

Reps. PEIRCE and HOLDEN, of Rhode Island, moved the following, which were referred to the Committee on Legislation:

WHEREAS, At the last session of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, I. O. O. F., its Representatives to this Grand Body were instructed to present such legislation as will repeal the law enacted by this Grand Lodge in 1889, wherein the Organization of Patriarchs Militant is declared to be the only authorized military branch of our Order, and that the uniform as at present prescribed for Chevaliers of Cantons should not hereafter be changed; also, to secure the adoption of such legislation as will restore to the use of Patriarchial Odd Fellowship, the same uniform used and worn by Encampments prior to the legislation of 1889. Therefore,

Resolved, That the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (1889, Journal, 11,725), and noted in paragraph 1133 of White's Digest, 1889, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Resolved, That on and after January 1, 1896, it shall be lawful for Subordinate Encampments to wear, when on street parade, the uniform prescribed and used prior to the legislation of 1889.

Rep. AYDELOTT, of Tennessee, moved the following, which were referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies:

WHEREAS, The Grand Secretary has procured the flags of the various countries in which American Odd Fellowship has been instituted (as provided for in resolution, p. 14,182, Revised Journal, 1894), be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be directed to provide for a colored plate of these various flags, to be inserted in the Revised Journal of 1895.

Rep. THOMAS, of Utah, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That hereafter, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to communicate with all passenger associations, at least 90 days prior to the meeting of each Annual Session, informing them when such session will be held, and at what place, and requesting reduced railroad rates for such meeting.

The Grand Secretary, at least 30 days before the date of meeting, shall notify each officer, Representative and Past Grand Sire, what rate has been secured; provided, that in giving such information, no official route shall be named.

Rep. STANSBURY, of Virginia, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That Visiting Cards shall hereafter be issued to Grand and Subordinate Bodies at cost.

Rep. HOLMES, of Washington, moved the following, which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be, and hereby are, instructed to make contract for the manufacture of uniform regalia for the Order in all the Degrees, excepting only that of Patriarchs Militant; that such uniform regalia shall be purchased and kept on sale by the Grand Secretary of this Grand Body, at prices not exceeding 25 per cent. more than the cost of such regalia.

Resolved, That all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges and Subordinate Encampments instituted after January 1st, 1896, and all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges and Subordinate Encampments purchasing new regalia, shall purchase the same from the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That nothing herein shall prevent the members of a Rebekah Lodge making their regalia, or the lady friends of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment from making the regalia for such Lodge or Encampment.

Reps. MITCHELL and WHITE, of Washington, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of Washington, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the several Grand Lodges of this Order be, and they are hereby, empowered to authorize the organization of General Relief Committees in cities and towns containing two or more Subordinate Lodges, and to confer upon such General Relief Committee the power to compel attendance, at its sessions, of Lodge officers legally constituting the same, and power, also, to raise relief funds by assessing their Subordinate Lodges, under such rules and regulations as may be established, from time to time, by the respective Grand Lodges.

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the proper committee prepare and report as soon as practicable, at the present session, if possible:

First—A Sign of Recognition, whereby a member of a Subordinate Lodge, not a Rebekah, may recognize and be recognized by a Rebekah.

Second—A Rebekah Assembly Degree to be used, exclusively, for working purposes in Rebekah Assemblies.

Third—A Lecture for the colors of the Rebekah Degree.

Fourth—A revision of the Rebekah Ritual to make it conform to the present law.

Also, the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Resolved, That Section 6 of the Code for the government of Rebekah Lodges, be amended by striking out the words "and their wives" after the word "standing" in clause 2; also, by striking out the word "unmarried" after the word "all" in clause 3, so that the section as amended, shall read:

"Sec. 6. The persons herein specified shall be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge of this Order, subject to the laws, relative to residence, of this Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction in which application is made.

"1. All persons who have received the Degree of Rebekah.

"2. All Odd Fellows in good standing.

"3. All white women who have attained the age of eighteen years, who believe in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and who are of good moral character."

Reps. MITCHELL and WHITE, of Washington, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Washington, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming, moved the following, which were referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That Section 6, including subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 thereof, of the laws for the government of Rebekah Lodges, adopted at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, September, 1894, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and the following is hereby enacted in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 6. The persons specified in Section 7 (woman applicants being white women who have attained the age of 18 years and who believe in a Supreme Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe), shall be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge of this Order, subject to the laws relative to residence of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and of the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction in which application is made.

"Sec. 7. All persons who have received the Degree of Rebekah, all Odd Fellows in good standing, their wives, widowed mothers, unmarried daughters, step-daughters, adopted daughters and unmarried sisters or half-sisters; also the widows, widowed mothers, unmarried daughters, step-daughters, sisters or half-sisters of deceased Odd Fellows who were in good standing at the time of their death. Each woman applicant for membership shall furnish proof of her relationship to an Odd Fellow in good standing to the satisfaction of the Lodge."

Resolved, That all other sections in said laws be numbered to conform to the above numbers.

The Grand Sire presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 16th, 1895.

J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: We, the Grand Representatives of both branches of the Order of Ohio, would respectfully request that you confer the Grand Decoration of Chivalry upon our Worthy Department Commander and

Deputy Grand Master, Major General JOHN C. WHITAKER. This matter was overlooked at the meeting of our Military Council, but we feel assured that we express the wish of that entire Body. Trusting you will look with favor upon our request and grant the same,

We are sincerely yours, most respectfully and fraternally,

E. B. COMLY,
LOUIS VAN NOORDEN, } Grand Encampment.
A. C. CABLE,
M. S. CLAPP, } Grand Lodge.

Approved: J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire.*

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved that the Lodge proceed to consider the reports as they appear on the Journal, which was agreed to.

The first report (No. 3), page 14,430, from the Committee on Appeals, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 4), page 14,430, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 5), page 14,431, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 6), page 14,432, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 7), page 14,433, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 8), page 14,435, from the same committee, was considered.

Bro. CAMPBELL, P. G. Sire, moved that the report be amended by adding thereto, "and that the same be referred to the Committee on Petitions," which was agreed to, and the report, as amended, was adopted.

The next report (No. 9), page 14,435, from the same committee, was considered.

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, moved that its further consideration be deferred until to-morrow, which was agreed to.

The next report (No. 10), page 14,438, from the same committee, was considered.

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, moved that its further consideration be deferred until to-morrow, which was agreed to.

The next report (No. 11), page 14,440, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 12), page 14,441, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 13), page 14,443, from the Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports, was considered and adopted.

Rep. CONWAY, of Illinois, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, from this evening.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the Grand Lodge resolve itself into secret session, which was agreed to.

After some time passed in secret session the ordinary business was resumed, when

Rep. NOLEN, of Tennessee, moved that the desks and seats in the meeting room be re-arranged, which was agreed to.

No. 14. Rep. WALLER, of British Columbia, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that, Rep. A. S. WESTON, from the Grand Encampment of Colorado, has resigned his position as Grand Representative to this Grand Body, and that Bro. GEO. M. HUSKINS has been appointed by the above named Jurisdiction to fill the vacancy.

We, therefore, recommend that Bro. GEO. M. HUSKINS be permitted to take the seat of Rep. A. S. WESTON, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,

H. WALLER, N. C. PETTIT, E. T. LEE,
G. C. PATTEN, H. L. STROUGH.

The Chair appointed Rep. HUSKINS, of Colorado, on the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, in place of Rep. A. S. WESTON, resigned.

No. 15. Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, from the Special Committee on Revision of the Patriarchs Militant Ritual, made the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee, appointed by the Grand Sire at the session of this Grand Lodge in 1894, to revise the Ritual of the Patriarchs Militant Degree, beg leave to report, that they have given the subject matter referred to them considerable time and attention, but are not fully satisfied with the work accomplished, and after consultation with the Grand Sire, together with many prominent members of the Militant branch of the Order, would respectfully ask that the committee be granted until the next annual session of this Body in which to make their report.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, A. C. CABLE, E. S. CONWAY.

No. 16. Rep. COCKRUM, of Indiana, from the Special Committee on Transportation, made the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee on Transportation beg leave to submit the following report:

We undertook to bring about an agreement with the various passenger associations for one fare, for the round trip, on the excursion ticket plan.

Upon our application for such a rate and at the request, in our behalf, of one of the leading railroads of the country, a member of the association, we were advised that a member of this Grand Lodge had already applied for rates for this meeting and his application had been considered by the Trunk Line Association and a rate of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan had been authorized; this we could not change, the result being that a rate of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan was the best we could do; after giving much time and labor to this work this rate was put in effect at all points east of the Missouri River.

We trust this Grand Lodge will approve what we have done and this report is

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. COCKRUM. W. H. ISZARD, J. J. THOMAS.

EXPENSES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Dr., to JOHN B. COCKRUM:

To cash advanced and paid to WM. FLEMING, Commissioner Trunk Line Association, New York, to secure attendance of agent at the meeting,	$29 00
To amount paid Journal Job Printing Co., printing circulars, 1st lot,	4 20
To amount paid for postage	5 00
To amount paid typewriter	10 00
To amount paid printing second circular	3 00
Total	$51 20
To W. H. ISZARD, to amount expended in work of committee	6 00
Total	$57 20

The following reports were laid on the table under the rule:

No. 17. By Rep. GRANT, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred the report of the Special Committee on Revision of Patriarchs Militant Ritual, in which the committee ask for further time, respectfully report:

That we find the work placed in the hands of the Special Committee to be not only very heavy, but that great care is necessary in its performance. We recommend the following:

Resolved, That the same committee be continued, and that they be granted further time until the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That said committee be, and they are hereby, directed to revise or write a Ritual for the Patriarchs Militant, and present the same in printed form to this Grand Lodge at its session in 1896.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRANK GRANT,	JAMES G. AYDELOTT,	T. T. PARSON,
T. W. JOLLIFFE,	JACOB STERN,	E. B. COMLY,
W. H. LEEDY,	JAMES YOUNG,	W. H. MARIGOLD.

No. 18. By Rep. WHITLOCK, of New York, from the Committee on Appeals:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of JOHN J. MANDERSCHIED against the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, report as follows:

Protection Lodge, No. 28, of New Jersey, refused to pay a certain demand for benefits made by one of its members, Brother JOHN J. MANDERSCHIED.

From this refusal said MANDERSCHIED appealed to the Grand Master of New Jersey, who sustained the appeal. At the Grand Lodge session, the whole matter was sent to the Judiciary Committee, which reported that the decision of the Grand Master should be reversed, and the Grand Lodge so ordered.

Said Judiciary Committee did not go into the merits of the case in any way, but disposed of it on the ground hereinafter stated, and as your Committee on Appeals take the same view of the case, nothing is here said about the merits, as the whole matter is otherwise disposed of.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey provides that in all cases of appeal, the same must be taken by filing notice thereof with the Lodge Secretary within sixty days after the action complained of. Such a provision is lawful, and it cannot be said that the limit of time is unreasonable.

In the case in hand, notice of the action refusing to pay the benefits demanded was mailed to Bro. MANDERSCHIED on March 25th, 1894. There is no claim nor pretence on his part that he did not receive such notice. On June 18th, he sent in his notice of appeal. Thus he allowed more than eighty days to elapse, after notice to him, before appealing. This clearly brings the case within the operative force of the provision referred to, and is, in the opinion of your committee, decisive of the appeal. Having failed to appeal within the time allowed by law, the appellant had no standing before the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which very properly decided against him on that ground. The following is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That the appeal of JOHN J. MANDERSCHIED against the Grand Lodge of New Jersey be dismissed, and that the action of said Grand Lodge in the premises be sustained and affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR WHITLOCK,	J. O. HUMPHREY,	JOHN B. GOODWIN,
O. J. SEMMES,	JOHN B. COCKRUM,	LOUIS A. COOK,
C. A. KELLER,	B. M. DILLEY,	JAMES B. GUYTON.

Rep. WHITLOCK, of New York, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, which was agreed to.

The Chair, accordingly, declared the Grand Lodge adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 18th, 1895, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STEBBINS	Grand Sire.
FRED. CARLETON	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS	Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE COBURN	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	Grand Chaplain.
JAMES B. BLANKS	Grand Marshal.
FRED. S. HUNT	Grand Guardian.
J. R. HARWELL	Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS	New York.
MILTON J. DURHAM	Kentucky.
JOHN H. WHITE	New York.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE	North Carolina.
CL. T. CAMPBELL	Ontario, Canada.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge opened for business.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday, be dispensed with, which was adopted.

The Chair announced the following:

Special Committee on the Office of the Grand Secretary.—Reps. YOUNG, of Maryland; MORRIS, of Kentucky; MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania; PINKERTON, of Massachusetts; CABLE, of Ohio; JONES, of Maryland; PARSON, of Missouri.

Special Committee on Veteran Odd Fellows.—Reps. WEIR, of Nebraska; COX, of Kentucky; WHITLOCK, of New York; WALDO, of Colorado; COOK, of Massachusetts; SEMMES, of Alabama; HARRIMAN, of Iowa; TWEEDALE, of Oregon; WHITE, of Washington.

The Chair presented the following, which were ordered to be entered on the Journal:

RUTLAND, VERMONT, Sept. 17th, 1895.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F.:*

Greetings from Vermont. May your deliberations prove a blessing to our beloved Order.

LOUIS V. GREEN, *Grand Patriarch.*

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 16th, 1895.

To the Grand Sire, Officers, and Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

SIRS AND BROS.—The Hall Association of the City of Philadelphia, fraternally and cordially invite the Officers, Representatives, and visitors now attending the session of the Grand Body at Atlantic City, to visit the Odd Fellows' Temple, Broad and Cherry Streets, Philadelphia, on the way to your homes, and at your convenience.

This magnificent structure was dedicated to the purposes of our beloved Order in May last, and is believed to be the finest building ever erected by any Fraternity in the world.

Members of this association will be in attendance to receive and welcome any of the Representatives, their wives and visitors, who will honor us with their presence.

ALBERT E. KEELER, *Chairman,*
W. A. WITHERUP,
JAMES BINGHAM,
Committee of Invitation.

The Jurisdictions were called, when,

Rep. MORFORD, of Arizona, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

Resolved, That the Ritual of the Patriarchs Militant branch of the Order be revised and made uniform with the Encampment Ritual now published.

Also, the following, which were referred to the Committee on Legislation:

WHEREAS, A rapidly growing evil is manifesting itself in our Order in the desires and necessities of Brothers in physical and financial distress, be it

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges, any of whose members may be so unfortunately situated as to be physically and financially disabled, shall be responsible for, and shall pay on demand, all expenses necessarily incurred in the support and care of each Brother by other Lodges, within whose Jurisdiction such disabled Brothers may be sojourning.

Rep. MORFORD, of Arizona, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. WALDO, of Colorado, moved the following, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS, We are informed, through the public press, of the establishment of a society known as the Imperial Order of Muscovites, said (upon the same authority of the public press), to bear the same relation to the I. O. O. F., which the Mystic Shrine does to Masonry, and to require membership in the I. O. O. F. as a qualification for membership therein, and

WHEREAS, Heretofore, this Grand Lodge has refused to tolerate the idea that Odd Fellows may retain membership in the I. O. O. F. and also hold membership in Orders not subordinate to this Grand Lodge, but requiring membership in this Order as a qualification for its membership,

Resolved, That the nature of the Imperial Order of Muscovites be considered by the Committee on the State of the Order, and that such laws be reported as that committee shall deem best in regard to said Order.

Also, the following, which were referred to the Committee on Petitions:

WHEREAS, The Charter of the Grand Lodge of Colorado has been lost or destroyed,

Resolved, That a duplicate Charter be issued and furnished to the Grand Lodge of Colorado, without cost to that Grand Lodge.

Rep. ALLAN, of the District of Columbia, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That the law passed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1869, and noted in Section 1,747 of White's Digest (1889), permitting the Noble Grand of a Lodge, the proper custodian of the Charge Books, to entrust said Charge Books to his subordinate officers, for the purpose of qualification, while in the Lodge-room, be amended so as to extend the same privilege to any member in good standing of the Degree of Truth.

Reps. WELLS and LANKESTER, of Minnesota, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That the law in Section 672, White's Digest, 1889, be amended, by striking therefrom the words: "Dismissal Certificates," in the fourteenth line and inserting in lieu thereof the words: "Certificate showing that he has resigned his membership." The section as amended will read as follows: "That any member of any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of the Order, upon change of residence, shall have the privilege of applying for membership in any Lodge or Encampment without first applying for a Withdrawal Card from the Subordinate Body in which he holds membership, by first obtaining a Visiting Card from such Body and depositing the same in the Lodge or Encampment in which he seeks to obtain membership. Upon election of such Brother by the Lodge or Encampment to which he shall apply for membership, said Body shall notify the Body, of which he is a member, of such election, when, being free from all charges and the payment of all dues and fees, upon proper application he shall be entitled to a Withdrawal Card, or Certificate showing that he has resigned his membership. Upon deposit of said Card or Certificate with said Lodge or Encampment in which he had been elected, he shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and By-Laws and be received in full membership from such time, upon the payment of the admission fees required by the By-Laws of said Lodge or Encampment."

Also, the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Resolved, That the last clause of Article XXII. of the By-Laws of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended, by adding thereto after the words "to wear," the following:

"Provided, that Grand Bodies may adopt a badge of uniform size and design, the color to conform with existing regulations." The clause as amended to read as follows: "At sessions of Grand Bodies in lieu of any regalia herein before described, a ribbon may be worn of the color of the highest Degree the member has attained, having attached thereto any jewel which he is entitled or required to wear, provided, that Grand Bodies may adopt a badge of uniform size and design, the color to conform with existing regulations."

Reps. WELLS and LANKESTER, of Minnesota, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, presented certain queries as to voting, when in arrears, for Grand Officers, etc., which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Rep. MACK, of Nevada, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That Section 31 (Section 30 of the Code), governing Rebekah Assemblies, found on page 14,014, Journal 1894, be amended, by striking out the word "ten" and inserting the word "five," and, when so amended, said section shall read as follows, to-wit:

REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES.

Sec. 31.—(Section 30, Code). The Grand Lodges of States, Territories or Provinces working under a Charter granted by this Sovereign Grand Lodge in Jurisdictions having five or more Rebekah Lodges, are hereby empowered, upon proper petition, to charter and institute Rebekah Grand Bodies, to be known as Rebekah Assemblies, within their own Jurisdiction, and such Grand Lodges may clothe said Assemblies with such powers, and may surround them with such limitations as they may deem best, in order to carry out the objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges as above declared, and said Assemblies shall be required to make such reports as their several Grand Lodges may direct. And in case of the organization of State Assemblies, the Presidents and Secretaries thereof shall sign Charters for new Rebekah Lodges, together with the Grand Officers issuing the same.

Reps. DILCHER and WHITLOCK, of New York, in accordance with the request of the Department Council, P. M., Department of New York, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

Resolved, That Section 127 of the Code for the government of the Patriarchs Militant be amended as follows:

Strike out the following:

Blank Warrants for Cantons, each	$2 00
Officers' Commissions, active and retired, each	75
Non-Commissioned Officers' Warrants, each	75

And insert in lieu thereof the following:

Blank Warrants for Cantons, each	1 00
Officers' Commissions, active and retired, each	25
Non-Commissioned Officers' Warrants, each	25

Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which were referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

WHEREAS, The payment of weekly benefits in the Rebekah Lodges is no longer recognized by the Code of Laws adopted at the last annual session, and,

WHEREAS, The Cards issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge contain an endorsement upon the back allowing for weekly benefits, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the matter in relation to benefits be no longer printed on the back of the Cards of Rebekah Lodges.

Also, the following, which were referred to the same committee:

WHEREAS, In the adoption of the new Code for Rebekah Lodges last September, it was the understanding that the Rebekah Lodges should no longer be allowed to pay weekly benefits; that they should become purely charitable organizations, and might give or donate to those sick or needy. But in the right to pay funeral benefits, there has been considerable difference of opinion, and, therefore, to settle that matter definitely, be it

Resolved, That upon the death of a member of a Rebekah Lodge, there shall be paid a certain sum of money (the minimum of which shall be prescribed in the Rebekah Constitution of the State), for the payment of funeral expenses; that the same shall be realized by a pro rata assessment upon all the members.

Rep. REED, of Quebec, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That the insurance law, as found on page 13,083, Journal 1892, be amended, by adding at the end of the sixth resolution the words:

But the certificate shall in no case be refused in a Jurisdiction in which any insurance association, official or otherwise, is permitted to do business in the name of the Order.

Reps. FARNHAM and TRUMPLER, of Rhode Island, under instructions, by vote of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the Rebekah Code, as adopted by this Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session, be amended by striking out paragraph 3 of Section 6.

Rep. FATHERS, of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Body respectfully request of the managements of the several railroads, that an extension of time be granted for the return of Representatives on the excursion fare, until October 5th.

Rep. DONOGH, of Ontario, moved that the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal, be considered, which was agreed to.

The first report (No. 9), page 14,435, from the Committee on Appeals, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. DONOGH, of Ontario, moved the following:

WHEREAS The decisions of the Grand Sire, Nos. 32 and 33, pp. 13,258 and 13,259, Journal of 1893, did not cover the case of insurance associations doing a general insurance business, but applied only, in the words of Rep. PINKERTON (pp. 13,660 and 13,661, Journal of 1893), "to voluntary associations or small corporations * * * aiding members thereof in sickness or of providing for families of deceased members"; and

WHEREAS, The Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia is an association doing a general insurance business in that Jurisdiction; therefore,

Resolved, That the report of the committee be amended by striking out the resolution and substituting therefor the following:

1. That the appeal of THOS. C. GRAY be dismissed so far as it relates to the refusal of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia to grant certificates to all Insurance Associations to do business in that Jurisdiction, and that the action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia be sustained.

2. That the appeal of THOS. C. GRAY be sustained so far as it relates to granting a license by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia to the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia, and that the action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, on this question, be reversed.

The question being on the amendment,

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: Will the Lodge adopt the amendment? Which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report (No. 10), page 14,438, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 17), page 14,464, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 18), page 14,464, from the Committee on Appeals, was considered and adopted.

The Chair presented the following:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In consequence of failing health, I am constrained to tender to you, this my resignation of the office of Grand Treasurer, to take effect on the qualification of my successor. In retiring from active service in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I desire to express my high appreciation of the uniform courtesy, consideration and kindness that has been extended to me during my nineteen years of service in your Honorable Body. My prayer is that He, who has so signally blessed the Order in the past, will continue His favor through the coming years, and that peace and prosperity may attend it from generation to generation. Fraternally yours,

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
Grand Treasurer.

September 18th, 1895.

Rep. BULLARD, of Montana, moved that the communication be received, and that a Special Committee of Three be appointed to act on said communication, which was agreed to.

The Chair announced the following:

Special Committee on the Resignation of Bro. I. A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer.—Reps. MORRIS, of Kentucky; CABLE, of Ohio; PINKERTON, of Massachusetts.

Rep. HUMPHREY, of Illinois, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Reps. KELLER and HERRING, of Texas, under instruction from the Grand Lodge of Texas, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives be, and they are hereby, instructed to introduce and support in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a resolution providing that the price of the Italian Subordinate Lodge Ritual shall be placed at five ($5.00) dollars each, and that out of the amount as received by the Sovereign Grand Lodge from such sales, that Garibaldi Lodge, No. 321, at Galveston, Texas, shall be reimbursed for its outlay for having said Ritual translated, published and bound, after the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall first deduct therefrom the rate at which the English Rituals are sold.

Rep. BLUMENTHAL, of Mississippi, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the price of Traveling or Visiting Cards be reduced to ten cents each, to Grand Bodies, and to all others, at an advance of twenty-five per cent., which shall take effect from and after January 1, 1896.

Rep. NYE, of Minnesota, offered the following amendments to the Code of Laws for the government of Rebekah Lodges enacted at the last session of the Grand Lodge, which were referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Amend Section 2, by adding thereto the following: "Or may delegate such power to duly chartered Rebekah Assemblies."

Amend Section 7, by substituting therefor: "In initiating a candidate into a Rebekah Lodge the work prescribed by the Ritual furnished by the Sovereign Grand Lodge must be adhered to, and no persons except members, in good standing, of Rebekah Lodges, and the instituting officer shall witness such work."

Amend Section 10, by striking out the word "continuous" in the second line, and adding to said section the following:

"Provided, That a Brother who withdraws or is suspended for non-payment of dues from his Subordinate Lodge, shall not thereby forfeit membership in his Rebekah Lodge for one year from such withdrawal or suspension, at which time, if restored to membership in his Subordinate Lodge, his membership in the Rebekah Lodge will not be disturbed."

Amend Section 16, by adding after the word "By-Laws," in the fourth line, the following: "And to install their officers in public, provided they use the form prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the ceremony be performed by the Grand Master, an officer of the Rebekah Assembly or a Past Noble Grand duly authorized by the Grand Master."

Amend Section 24, by striking out the word "and" in the sixth line, and also by inserting after "fines" the words "and applications for Withdrawal Cards."

Amend Section 25, by striking out the word "white" in the last clause and inserting in lieu thereof the word "yellow."

Amend Section 26, by striking out all of said section after the words "Dismissal Certificates" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Shall be issued to members who have been for more than one year under suspension for non-payment of dues, upon application and the payment of a fee of one dollar. Applications for Withdrawal Cards shall be made in

writing, and to grant a Card, a majority of the members must cast an affirmative vote; but if the Lodge refuse to grant such a Card, the applicant may, after paying all dues to that date, tender a written resignation of membership, and if not otherwise disqualified, shall receive from the Secretary, under Seal, a certificate stating that the member has resigned, which certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the member was in good standing at the time of such resignation, and such certificate shall have the same force and effect as a Dismissal Certificate."

Rep. THOMAS, of Utah, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the laws for the government of Rebekah Lodges adopted at the session in 1894, be amended as follows:

Strike out of Section 17, the words "to provide by By-Law when those in arrears shall be suspended from the rights and privileges of membership," and insert in lieu thereof the words "may suspend from the rights and privileges of membership those in arrears for one year's dues."

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That a Special Committee of Five be appointed to revise the present Anniversary Ceremony.

Rep. COOK, of Massachusetts, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

The Chair presented the following:

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 17th, 1895.

J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire:*

I hereby make application for the Grand Decoration of Chivalry, to be conferred on me at this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

R. G. FLOYD, *G. Rep.*

Recommended by
N. W. COX, *G. Rep.*
J. B. FRIEDHEIM, *G. Rep.* } *of Arkansas.*
Approved:
J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire.*

Rep. LOOMIS, of Nebraska, moved that the request be granted, which was agreed to.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on the Resignation of the Grand Treasurer, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the resignation of Hon. ISAAC A. SHEPPARD as Grand Treasurer of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, respectfully recommend that, in view of the statements made by him as to his failing health, the resignation be accepted. The committee further recommend, that it be placed upon record the unfeigned reluctance with which this Grand Body is deprived of the eminent and valued services of the distinguished Brother, who has so faithfully discharged for eleven years, the responsible fiduciary trust with that integrity, which characterizes the noblest work of God—an honest man—and sincerely trust that he may be speedily restored to health and that his life of great usefulness may, by the dispensation of a kind Providence, be prolonged for many years to his beloved family and to this great Order, which he loves so well.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MORRIS, A. C. CABLE, A. S. PINKERTON.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved that the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of a Grand Treasurer, which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Reps. CONWAY, of Illinois, and MORRIS, of Kentucky, tellers.

The following nomination was made for Grand Treasurer:

By Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, M. R. MUCKLE, G. Rep., of Pennsylvania.

Rep. THOMAS, of Utah, moved that the nominations be closed, which was agreed to.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved that Rep. MARIGOLD, of Connecticut, cast the vote of the Lodge, which was adopted, and the tellers reported that the whole vote had been cast for M. R. MUCKLE, G. Rep., of Pennsylvania.

Whereupon the Grand Sire declared that M. R. MUCKLE, G. Rep., of Pennsylvania, was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer for the remainder of the term.

Reps. PARKER and GAMBELL, of Oregon, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish the Grand Lodge of Oregon a duplicate Charter; the original Charter of said Grand Lodge having been lost or destroyed.

Reps. TWEEDALE and WILLIAMSON, of Oregon, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish to the Grand Encampment of Oregon a duplicate Charter of said Grand Encampment, the original having been lost or destroyed.

The Chair presented the following:

JOHN W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire, Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.*:
I hereby make application for the Decoration of Chivalry.

N. E. WHITEHURST,

Recommended by *G. Rep. Grand Encampment of Virginia.*
D. A. BUCHER, D. R. STANSBURY, *G. Reps. of Virginia.*

Approved:
J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire.*

Rep. BUCHER, of Virginia, moved that the request be granted, which was agreed to.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the Grand Lodge resolve itself into secret session, which was agreed to.

After some time passed in secret session, the ordinary business was resumed, when

Bro. CL. T. CAMPBELL, P. G. Sire, moved that the consideration of the amendments to the Constitution be made the special order for 3 o'clock this afternoon, which was agreed to.

Reps. BINGHAM and AYDELOTT, of Tennessee, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That for the purpose of affording a cheap mode of telegraphic communications between Subordinate Lodges of the Order and Relief Committees, especially when financial relief is applied for, or when sickness or death render quick information necessary, that a telegraphic key be adopted.

A suggestive code is herewith attached.

Example of message to be sent, showing the idea suggested by the cipher, and the saving in words and expense:

"Banner Lodge, No. 147, Memphis, Tenn.—Robert Moore, cash, funds, dog. John Jones, Secretary General Relief Committee."

Reply: "John Jones, Secretary General Relief Committee, St. Louis, Mo.—Boat, three years. John C. Wyckoff, Secretary."

By the use of the cipher and key, the message and reply read:

"Banner Lodge, No. 147, Memphis, Tenn.—Robert Moore is in our city asking financial assistance, and claims membership in your Lodge in good standing. Shall we aid him, taking draft on you to the extent of ten dollars? John Jones, Secretary General Relief Committee."

Reply: "John Jones, Secretary General Relief Committee, St. Louis, Mo.—He is an expelled member, and has not been in good standing for three years. John C. Wyckoff, Secretary."

Another example:

"John Jones, Secretary, Chickasaw Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., Memphis, Tenn.—Andrew Jackson, red, to-day, green. W. J. Smith, Secretary."

Reply: "W. J. Smith, Secretary, Little Rock, Ark.—Lodge, express, grip. John Jones, Secretary."

Body of message reads, with key:

"Andrew Jackson, holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, died here to-day. Wire instructions to us at once as to the disposition of his remains."

Reply: "Forward remains to this place by express. Draw on us for amount of expenses incurred."

The cipher "key" is not by any means to be considered as complete in its questions and answers, but is only given as a sample, and will convince any one of the saving in telegraphic communication.

Example of telegraphic cipher and key to same:

HOUSE.—Is in our city, holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge and asking of us financial assistance.

FUNDS.—Shall we aid him, taking draft on you to the extent of

CASH.—Is in our city asking financial assistance, and claims membership in your Lodge in good standing.

DOG.—Ten dollars.

RIVER.—Has your Lodge a member in good standing, by the name of

BOAT.—He is an expelled member and has not been in good standing for

WHITE.—We don't know any such party and he does not belong to our Lodge.

GRIP.—Draw on us for the amount of expenses incurred.

CAUTION.—Look out for a fraud named

SECRETARY.—He has a fraudulent Card.

FINAL.—A member of your Lodge died here.

BLACK.—He is a fraud and if he has a Card or other papers from this Lodge they are forgeries.

RED.—Holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, died here.

GREEN.—Wire instructions to us at once as to the disposition of his remains.

YELLOW.—Is in our city and very sick. Claims membership in your Lodge. Shall we give him attention for your account?

PURPLE.—We think best to bury him there.

LODGE.—Forward remains to this place by

REGALIA.—Assist him and we will honor draft to the extent of

Reps. FATHERS and OATES, of Wisconsin, moved the following, which were referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Grand Lodge at its annual session held in the City of Chattanooga, Tenn., adopted legislation relating to the qualification for membership in Rebekah Lodges, making all unmarried white women of good moral character who have attained the age of eighteen years, eligible for membership therein, and believing such legislation to be unwise, unjust and uncalled for, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby repeal such legislation.

The Chair announced the following:

Special Committee on the Honorable Veteran Jewel.—Reps. GASTER, of North Carolina; HERRING, of Texas; CONWAY, of Illinois; GLIDDEN, of New Hampshire; GOODWIN, of Georgia.

Rep. KELLER, of Texas, presented the following telegrams and asked that they be entered on the Journal, which was agreed to:

WACO, TEXAS, September 17th, 1895.

Messrs. HERRING, KELLER, and WILEY, *care of Grand Secretary, Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:*

Cordially invite Sovereign Grand Lodge to meet in Dallas next year, in behalf of self and Grand Encampment. Hope your meeting be in F., H. and C.

T. MARX, *Grand Patriarch.*

BRENHAM, TEXAS, September 17th, 1895.

C. A. KELLER, *Grand Rep., Sovereign Grand Lodge, Atlantic City, N. J.:*

Extend to the Sovereign Grand Lodge an invitation from the Odd Fellows and citizens of Texas to hold the next session at Dallas, Texas, and assure the Brothers a hearty fraternal welcome.

BEN S. ROGERS, *Grand Master.*

DALLAS, TEXAS, September 17th, 1895.

S. H. RUSSELL, *care of Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows:*

Through you, the city of Dallas extends a cordial invitation to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows to hold its session of ninety-six in Dallas. Impress upon them that we want them.

F. P. HOLLAND, *Mayor.*

Rep. WHITEHURST, of Virginia, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

Resolved, That the word "three" in the second line of Section 5, Revised Code of Laws for the government of Patriarchs Militant be stricken out and the word "two" be inserted in lieu thereof, so that the same will read: "A Battalion shall consist of not less than two nor more than five Cantons," etc.

The following reports were laid on the table under the rule:

No. 19. By Rep. DILKS, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire relating to miscellaneous correspondence, visitations, and Dispensations granted by the Grand Sire, would respectfully report, that the subject of miscellaneous correspondence has assumed such proportions that the recommendation of the Grand Sire having in view the limiting such correspondence is recommended and approved; that the visitations of the Grand Sire during the year past have been on occasions of special interest to the Order, especially the dedication of Halls and Orphans' Homes, etc., and he is to be specially commended for the same; that the report of Dispensations granted has been fully examined and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DILKS,	STILLWELL H. RUSSELL,	J. W. WATSON,
W. L. KUYKENDALL,	LEOPOLD DE LEEUW,	A. C. CABLE,
WM. H. ISZARD,	J. C. LONGUEVILLE,	WM. W. MORRIS,
J. G. BLOODWORTH,	N. C. PETTIT.	

No. 20. By Rep. KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report as appears on pages 14,317 and 14,318 thereof, respectfully submit the following report:

That the action of the Grand Secretary upon all matters detailed in his report found on said pages 14,317 and 14,318 whereon the mandates of your Grand Body have been complied with, be, and the same is hereby, commended and approved.

That his action relating to the purchase of National flags under the resolution adopted at the last session be approved, and, it appearing that the contract price of said flags exceeded the sum appropriated to the amount of $44.50, your committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $44.50 be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to make good the deficiency between the sum of $300.00, appropriated for the purpose, and the contract price agreed upon, and that a Warrant be issued for the amount herein appropriated.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. KUYKENDALL,	GEO. W. DILKS,	STILLWELL H. RUSSELL,
A. C. CABLE,	LEOPOLD DE LEEUW,	N. C. PETTIT,
J. W. WATSON,	WM. H. ISZARD,	J. G. BLOODWORTH,
WM. W. MORRIS,	J. C. LONGUEVILLE.	

No. 21. By Rep. BLOODWORTH, of Georgia, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. COCKRUM, of Indiana:

"*Resolved,* That hereafter the Grand Officers who have reports to this Grand Lodge which are required to be printed, may have such reports printed at such time and place as suits their convenience, and present a bill for such printing to this Grand Lodge at the succeeding session thereof, when the same shall be paid, as other expenses of the Grand Lodge are paid."

In view of the fact that the officers are at some distance from the Committee on Printing Supplies and their reports have to be mailed to said committee and then remailed by the committee to the printer whom they have contracted with, thus causing delay and the chance of losing the reports in the mails, and the further fact that the officers are not present to read and correct proofs, report as follows:

We recommend that the resolution be adopted, and that, hereafter, the officers contract to the best advantage and have their reports printed without reference to the Committee on Printing Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. BLOODWORTH,	J. W. WATSON,	LEOPOLD DE LEEUW,
N. C. PETTIT,	WM. W. MORRIS,	W. H. ISZARD,
W. L. KUYKENDALL,	J. C. LONGUEVILLE,	STILLWELL H. RUSSELL,
A. C. CABLE,	GEO. W. DILKS.	

No. 22. By Rep. BLOODWORTH, of Georgia, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following resolution of Reps. HUFFAKER and MACK, of Nevada:

"*Resolved*, That hereafter a copy of the reports of the Grand Officers of this Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be sent by mail to each Representative, Past Grand Sire and Officer of this Grand Lodge by the first Monday in September preceding each annual session," report as follows:

In view of the fact that all can get these reports at the opening of the session, and can read and digest same before any action is had upon them, and, that it would entail a considerable and unnecessary expense, we recommend that same be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. BLOODWORTH, GEO. W. DILKS, LEOPOLD DE LEEUW,
J. W. WATSON, WM. W. MORRIS, N. C. PETTIT,
W. L. KUYKENDALL, WM. H. ISZARD, STILLWELL H. RUSSELL,
A. C. CABLE.

No. 23. By Rep. ROGERS, of Colorado, from the Committee on Legislation:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. PEIRCE and HOLDEN, of Rhode Island, recommending that the law enacted by this Grand Lodge, in 1889, wherein the Patriarchs Militant is declared the only authorized military branch of the Order, and prescribing that the uniform for the same shall not hereafter be changed, etc., be so amended as to make it lawful for Subordinate Encampments to wear, when on street parade, the uniform prescribed and used prior to such legislation, beg leave to report adversely on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. ROGERS, R. M. ABERCROMBIE, JOHN L. NOLEN,
H. E. PARKER, J. J. THOMAS, MONROE MCCLURG,
JOHN DONOGH, WILL H. TALBOTT, W. E. CARLIN,
FRANK B. WILLIS, REUEL ROBINSON.

No. 24. By Rep. ABERCROMBIE, of Missouri, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. STANSBURY, of Virginia, directing the furnishing of Visiting Cards to Grand and Subordinate Lodges at cost, respectfully report, they have duly considered the subject, and recommend that it be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. ABERCROMBIE, J. J. THOMAS, J. L. NOLEN,
H. E. PARKER, JOHN DONOGH, MONROE MCCLURG,
W. H. TALBOTT, I. N. ROGERS, F. B. WILLIS,
R. ROBINSON.

No. 25. By Rep. NOLEN, of Tennessee, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom were referred the preambles and resolution of Rep. WALDO, of Colorado, as follows:

"WHEREAS, The law in regard to public installations which was adopted in 1858 (see pp. 2,806, 2,971 of Journal), which is digested in Section 1023 of the Digest of 1889, restricted the right to conduct a public installation to a very small class of the officers who might have conducted the same installation if not public; and

"WHEREAS, The same law as amended at the session of this Grand Lodge in 1894 (see pp. 14,119, 14,120 and 14,150 of Journal, Report No. 137), while abandoning that restrictive policy as far as Subordinate Lodges are concerned, restricted the right to hold public installations, at all, to Subordinate Lodges, omitting Encampments and Rebekah Lodges;

"*Resolved*, That said law be further amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

"The several Grand Bodies in this Order are hereby authorized to confer upon their Subordinates the right to install their officers in public; provided, that the ceremony be conducted by some person who would be authorized to conduct the same installation if not public; and provided, that the form prescribed by this Grand Lodge for public installation is used."

Beg leave to report, that we have considered the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the session of this Grand Lodge in 1894 (see pp. 14,119, 14,120 of the Journal), amending the law as digested in Section 1023 of White's Digest, 1889, be amended so as to read as follows: The several Grand Bodies be, and they are hereby, authorized to confer upon Subordinate Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Lodges, the right to install their officers in public, provided, that the ceremony be conducted by an officer of such Grand Body, a District Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Patriarch, or by a Past Grand or Past Chief Patriarch, duly authorized by the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, provided they use the form prescribed by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. NOLEN, J. J. THOMAS, JOHN DONOGH,
R. M. ABERCROMBIE, H. E. PARKER, MONROE MCCLURG,
WILL H. TALBOTT, I. N. ROGERS, F. B. WILLIS,
REUEL ROBINSON.

No. 26. By Rep. TALBOTT, of Indiana, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. FLOYD, of Arkansas, relating to a proposed Home for aged and indigent Brothers in that Jurisdiction, and bespeaking the encouragement and substantial aid of other Jurisdictions, report, that said resolution does not propose any legislation, and is not a proper matter for the consideration of this committee. We, therefore, ask that the same be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

WILL H. TALBOTT, JOHN L. NOLEN, J. J. THOMAS,
JOHN DONOGH, R. M. ABERCROMBIE, H. E. PARKER,
MONROE MCCLURG, I. N. ROGERS, FRANK B. WILLIS,
REUEL ROBINSON.

No. 27. By Rep. WILLIS, of Idaho, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the query of Rep. MCCLURG, of Mississippi:

"Has a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment authority to subscribe and pay for, out of the treasury, one or more copies of a fraternal journal or periodical devoted exclusively to Odd Fellowship?"

Beg leave to report, they are of the opinion that it is not a matter of legislation, but for judicial consideration, and respectfully recommend the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. WILLIS, J. J. THOMAS, H. E. PARKER,
JOHN DONOGH, MONROE MCCLURG, REUEL ROBINSON,
JOHN L. NOLEN, R. M. ABERCROMBIE, WILL H. TALBOTT,
I. N. ROGERS.

No. 28. By Rep. THOMAS, of Utah, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. ALLAN, of the District of Columbia, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That in Jurisdictions where the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Patriarch is not provided for by law, a Past Grand or Past Chief Patriarch, who has been appointed by a Grand Master or Grand Patriarch to install the officers of a Lodge or Encampment, is entitled to the Honors of the Order when he appears for that purpose," respectfully report, that we have considered the same, and believing that in Jurisdictions, where no District Deputies are appointed, it would be right to permit a Special Deputy, appointed by the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch to install officers, to be received with the Honors of the Order, and, therefore, recommend the adoption of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. THOMAS, J. L. NOLEN, R. M. ABERCROMBIE,
H. E. PARKER, MONROE MCCLURG, W. H. TALBOTT,
REUEL ROBINSON, JOHN DONOGH, I. N. ROGERS,
F. B. WILLIS.

No. 29. By Rep. LANKESTER, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Finance:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance beg to report, that there has been submitted to them an account from Bro. L. S. BAKER of Calgary, N. W. T., asking to be re-imbursed in the sum of $34.80 for money advanced for traveling expenses, incurred for the purpose of installing the officers of Innisfail and Edmonton Lodges in that Territory at the request of Bro. CLAXTON, D. D. Grand Sire, and also the sum of $35.75, which Bro. BAKER advanced to pay for the regalia of Alberta Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, of the before mentioned

Territory, with the statement that he had to borrow the money for the purposes mentioned, and that the loss to him, if not refunded, would be a severe one.

Your committee, while regretting deeply the inconvenience and loss to which Bro. BAKER may be put, feel that to recommend the payment of this account would be contrary to the established usages of this Sovereign Grand Body, and, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the claim of Bro. L. S. BAKER be not allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD LANKESTER,	E. S. CONWAY,	F. A. STIER,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,	FRANKLIN RINGLER,	JOHN M. JONES,
W. H. COX,	F. B. BRYANT,	CHARLES J. BROWN,
GEORGE N. NUTT,	BENJ. BREMNER.	

No. 30. By Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit for your consideration, the following detailed report of the Sub-Committee on Finance, who were charged with the duty of examining and auditing the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary:

The Sub-Committee on Finance respectfully report, that in accordance with the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, they visited Headquarters in the city of Baltimore and made a thorough and careful examination of the books of the Grand Secretary. and have also carefully examined and checked up the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, and submit the following statement of the financial affairs of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

CASH ACCOUNT OF GRAND TREASURER:

1894.		
Aug. 20.	Balance on hand as per last report	$33,251 25
1895.		
July 24.	Received 12 months interest on $30,000 R. R. Bonds	1,275 00
July 31.	Received from Grand Secretary during the past fiscal year, for sale of supplies, Rep. tax, etc	56,075 60
	Grand total	$90,601 85

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid 191 Warrants, mileage and per diem session of 1894, at Chattanooga, Tenn	$27,383 56	
Paid 230 Warrants, expenses of session 1894, salaries, supplies and necessary expenses during fiscal year ending July 31st, 1895	34,617 27	
Total disbursements for the year	$62,000 83	62,000 83
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, July 31st, 1895		$28,601 02

AVAILABLE ASSETS IN HANDS OF GRAND TREASURER:

Cash balance as per report	$28,601 02
Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. 4½ per cent. Bonds	15,000 00
P. W. & B. R. R. Co. 4 per cent. Bonds	15,000 00
Total available assets	**$58,601 02**

BALANCE SHEET OF LEDGER OF GRAND SECRETARY.

At the beginning of the fiscal year it was necessary for the Grand Secretary to open a new Ledger. Your Sub-Committee on Finance carefully checked every balance brought forward from the old Ledger and found the same to be correct in every particular. They have also carefully taken a balance sheet of the present Ledger, without any reference to the balance sheet of the Grand Secretary, and find both balance sheets to agree in every respect.

TOTAL ASSETS JULY 31ST, 1895.

Cash		$28,601 02
R. R. Co. Bonds		30,000 00
Steel and Electro Plates		12,910 10
Library (cost of binding volumes)		1,198 83
Books, Odes, Cards, etc., at cost		19,791 82
Paintings and Furniture		10,526 55
Balance due by Lodges and individuals	$565 70	
Less due to Lodges and individuals	51 79	
		513 91
Total assets July 31, 1895		$103,542 23

Your Sub-Committee bear willing and cheerful testimony to the efficiency and fidelity of our two faithful officers, Grand Secretary THEO. A. ROSS and Grand Treasurer ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, and every facility was afforded your committee for a full and thorough examination of their books and accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
JAMES B. BLANKS,
Sub-Committee on Finance.

Your Committee on Finance, in submitting the foregoing report of the Sub-Committee, congratulate the Sovereign Grand Lodge upon the healthy state of its finances and assets, as set forth in the foregoing report.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, WM. H. COX, HOWARD LANKESTER,
F. B. BRYANT, JOHN M. JONES, GEORGE N. NUTT,
BENJ. BREMNER, CHARLES J. BROWN, FRANKLIN RINGLER,
F. A. STIER.

No. 31. By Rep. BRYANT, of Nebraska, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill of expenses attached to the report of Rep. COCKRUM from the Special Committee on Transportation beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the same and believe the expenditures therein enumerated were necessarily incurred and are just and reasonable, we, therefore, recommend that the bill amounting to $57.20 be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. BRYANT, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, JNO. M. JONES,
BENJ. BREMNER E. S. CONWAY, F. A. STIER,
HOWARD LANKESTER, GEORGE N. NUTT, CHARLES J. BROWN,
WM. H. COX, FRANKLIN RINGLER.

No. 32. By Rep. CONWAY, of Illinois, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report:

1. That we have examined the Treasurer's report, as audited by the Sub-Committee on Finance, find same correct and recommend its approval.

2. Also, the Grand Secretary's report, pages 14,309–14,315 and find that he has carried out the orders of this Grand Body, session of 1894, relating to the Patriarchs Militant and J. C. UNDERWOOD, together with items 13, 15, 20 and 22, pages 14,315–14,317. Also, item 24, page 14,319 regarding Canton tax, and recommend that the report be approved. We recommend the approval of the Grand Secretary's annual report found on pages 14,378 to 14,391 inclusive.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. CONWAY, WM. H. COX, HOWARD LANKESTER,
F. B. BRYANT, JNO. M. JONES, GEORGE N. NUTT,
BENJ. BREMNER, CHAS. J. BROWN, FRANKLIN RINGLER,
F. A. STIER.

No. 33. By Rep. CONWAY, of Illinois, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition, signed by the Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment of Oklahoma, asking that their Representative tax be remitted, beg leave to report: That in our opinion it is a mistake to undertake, in a new Territory where the Subordinate Lodge membership is so limited, to establish a Grand Encampment. But in the case in question, your committee, after giving the matter full consideration, and taking into account the fact that the Grand Encampment has been established in the Territory of Oklahoma, are of the opinion that the best interests of the Order would be served by granting them the relief they desire. Your committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. CONWAY, WM. H. COX, HOWARD LANKESTER,
F. B. BRYANT, JNO. M. JONES, GEORGE N. NUTT,
BENJ. BREMNER, CHAS. J. BROWN, FRANKLIN RINGLER,
F. A. STIER.

No. 34. By Rep. STIER, of the District of Columbia, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, having duly considered the bill of THE PETTIBONE BROTHERS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, for the flags of all Nations, herewith submitted, find, that on page 14,182, Journal 1894, that the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to procure for the use of this Grand Body at each annual session, the National Flags of all the Kingdoms, Provinces and Countries, where American Odd Fellowship has been instituted under the authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and for this purpose the sum of $300, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated." We have submitted to us and appended to

the bill, a statement from Grand Secretary Ross, that the lowest bid for silk flags was from the above mentioned company, and amounted to $344.50.

Your committee, under the circumstances, have approved the same, not deeming it excessive, and respectfully recommend the additional appropriation, and adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. STIER, GEORGE N. NUTT, JNO. M. JONES,
F. B. BRYANT, BENJ. BREMNER, E. S. CONWAY,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, FRANKLIN RINGLER, HOWARD LANKESTER.

No. 35. By Rep. STIER, of the District of Columbia, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance have had submitted to them an apparent oversight in not drawing Warrants for two items in appropriations and expenditures for session of 1894:

I. A. Sheppard, Rent of Safe Deposit box	$10 00
I. A. Sheppard, Expressage on money to Chattanooga	41 25
	$51 25

As these items are usually provided for at each session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, we recommend the appropriation and the adoption of the report.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. STIER, G. N. NUTT, JNO. M. JONES,
F. B. BRYANT, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, BENJ. BREMNER,
FRANKLIN RINGLER, E. S. CONWAY, CHAS. J. BROWN,
W. H. COX, HOWARD LANKESTER.

No. 36. Rep. GRANT, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred the request of the Grand Representatives of Ohio, which is as follows:

"ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 16th, 1895.

"J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire, I. O. O. F.:*

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: We, the Grand Representatives of both branches of the Order of Ohio, would respectfully request that you confer the Grand Decoration of Chivalry upon our Worthy Department Commander and Deputy Grand Master, Major General, JOHN C. WHITAKER. This matter was overlooked at the meeting of our Military Council, but we feel assured that we express the wish of that entire Body. Trusting you will look with favor upon our request and grant the same.

"We are sincerely yours, most respectfully and fraternally,

"E. B. COMLY, } *Grand Encampment.*
"LOUIS VAN NOORDEN, }
"A. C. CABLE, } *Grand Lodge.*
"M. S. CLAPP, }

"Approved: J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire.*"

Would report that this request having been approved by the Grand Sire, we recommend that it be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRANK GRANT, J. G. AYDELOTT, E. B. COMLY,
JAMES YOUNG, JACOB STERN, W. H. LEEDY,
T. T. PARSON, T. W. JOLLIFFE, W. H. MARIGOLD.

The following reports were laid on the table under the rule:

No. 37. By Rep. GRANT, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred the following resolutions from the Military Council of the Department of Massachusetts, viz.:

"1st. That the term of the Department Commander ought to be the same as that of Grand Master and Grand Patriarch.

"2d. That the methods of electing the Department Commander, and the other officers of the Patriarchs Militant, shall be the same in each State as those prevailing in the election of officers in the Grand Lodge and Encampment of said State.

"3d. That the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to remit to the Departments fifty per cent. of the price paid for Canton Officers' Commissions under the new law."

Respectfully report, that after a careful consideration of the same, we consider the legislation asked for, inexpedient, and ask to be dismissed from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRANK GRANT,	JACOB STERN,	T. T. PARSON,
E. B. COMLY,	T. W. JOLLIFFE,	J. G. AYDELOTT,
W. H. LEEDY,	JAMES YOUNG,	W. H. MARIGOLD.

No. 38. By Rep. STERN, of New York, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom were referred the resolutions of Reps. COMLY and VAN NOORDEN, of Ohio, and of Reps. DILCHER and WHITLOCK, of New York, relative to the reduction in the price of supplies to be furnished to Department Councils, provided for in Section 127 of the Patriarchs Militant Code, desire to report that the committee have carefully considered the propositions presented. It seems to be the intention of this Lodge that no financial benefit shall be derived from this branch of the Order, and it appearing that the fixed prices for Warrants and Commissions exceed the cost of printing and engraving and the expenses incurred, we conclude that a reduction in the price of such supplies is just and proper, and, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following amendment:

Resolved, That Section 127 of the Patriarchs Militant Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 127. Department Councils will purchase the supplies above mentioned from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at a discount of 50 per cent. from the prices quoted. They will also procure the following supplies from the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the prices here stated:

Blank Warrants for Cantons, each	$1 00
Officers' Commissions, active or retired, each	25
Non-Commissioned Officers' Warrants, each	25
Certificates of Honorable Discharge, each	10
Proclamations for Degree Work, each	75

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB STERN,	J. G. AYDELOTT,	T. T. PARSON,
W. H. MARIGOLD,	J. FRANK GRANT,	E. B. COMLY,
JAMES YOUNG,	T. W. JOLLIFFE.	

No. 39. By Rep. STERN, of New York, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. VAN NOORDEN and COMLY, of Ohio, desire to make the following report:

We believe that the best interest of the Patriarchal branch demands that no Commission be granted to any officer who is not a Chevalier in good standing in a Canton in good standing, and to carry out this purpose we recommend that Section 74, of the Patriarchs Militant Code be amended by adding to said section the following words:

"No Commission shall be issued to any Chevalier who is not in good standing in a Canton in good standing."

Resolved, That said Section 74 be amended accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB STERN, J. FRANK GRANT, T. T. PARSON,
W. H. MARIGOLD, E. B. COMLY, T. W. JOLLIFFE,
JAMES YOUNG, J. G. AYDELOTT.

No. 40. By Rep. WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire respectfully report that having examined and considered the same, they recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That decisions Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17 (the letter "T" meaning "Term"), 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 81, 82, 85, 86, 87, 89, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98, 99, 100 and 101, be, and the same are hereby, approved.

Resolved, That with the following suggestions and amendments, the following decisions be, and are hereby, approved:

Decision 9.—Strike out all of the answer except the first sentence, so that it shall read as follows: "Answer—By that section she is."

Decision 13.—Amend so as to read as follows: "Answer—Such as the Grand Lodge shall provide for."

Decision 16.—Amend so that it shall read as follows: "Answer—The Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Lodge cannot—Section 26, by the strongest implication affirms the general law."

Decision 22.—Amend so as to read as follows: "A Sister may furnish marches to be used in Rebekah Lodges, if not issued in the name of the Order and do not supplant any required by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to be used."

Decision 28.—Amend so as to read as follows: "Lady members other than the officers of a Rebekah Assembly may wear the badge prescribed in Section 25."

Decision 70.—Amend by striking out all of the answer except the word "Yes."

Decision 79.—Amend by adding the words "of defunct Lodges" after the words "for such members," in the first line.

Decision 96.—Amend typographical errors as follows: Insert the word "and" after the words "a single penalty;" strike out the word "as" after the words, "vote for expulsion," and make the words "the Lodge must vote," a new and complete sentence.

Further report on the other decisions will be made hereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. WRIGHT, JAMES G. MAGUIRE, A. S. PINKERTON,
CHAS. E. WALDO, E. D. HOGE, J. B. FRIEDHEIM,
GEO. SHIRTS, M. BULLARD, M. D. HERRING,
A. N. GAMBELL.

No. 41. By Rep. WEIR, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Unfinished Business:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for several years past, and would recommend as follows:

1st. That no further consideration be given to any unfinished business prior to the session of 1894, unless some Grand Representative shall specially request attention to some item of business that he may desire action upon.

2d. We find the following business laid over from the session of 1894:

1st. Amendment to Constitution, by Rep. WALDO, of Colorado, page 14,018.
2d. Amendment to Constitution, by Reps. NORTON and WELLS, of Minnesota, page 14,082.
3d. Resolution by Rep. CONWAY, of Illinois, page 14,020.
4th. Amendment to Constitution, by Rep. BADLEY, of Idaho, page 14,083.
5th. Amendment to By-Laws, by Rep. WALDO, of Colorado, page 14,142.
6th. Amendment to Constitution, by Rep. PYLE, of Kansas, pages 14,179 and 14,180.
7th. Resolution of Rep. BLOODWORTH, of Georgia, page 14,183.
8th. Resolution of Rep. COX, of Kentucky, in Report No. 75, page 14,052.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. WEIR, D. R. STANSBURY, T. E. REYNOLDS,
JAS. A. FATHERS, PHILLIP J. ISAAC, R. G. FLOYD,
F. T. E. RICHARDSON, C. N. HALE, E. G. JOHNSON,
G. A. HIEHLE, JAS. T. NEWHALL.

No. 42. By Rep. BREMNER, of the Maritime Provinces, from the Committee on Finance:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance report, that they have examined the bill submitted by the Special Committee on Revision of the Patriarchs Militant Ritual, have approved the same and recommend its payment:

July 22 to 26.	To E. S. Conway, 4 days at $3.00	$12 00	
	678 miles, at 4 cents	27 12	
			$39 12
July 22 to 26.	To F. E. Merriman, 4 days at $3.00	$12 00	
	1,350 miles, at 4 cents	54 00	
			66 00
July 22 to 26.	To A. C. Cable, 4 days at $3.00	$12 00	
	434 miles, at 4 cents	17 36	
			29 36
			$134 48

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. BREMNER, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, W. H. COX,
F. A. STIER, JOHN M. JONES, HOWARD LANKESTER,
F. B. BRYANT, GEORGE N. NUTT, FRANKLIN RINGLER,
E. S. CONWAY, CHARLES J. BROWN.

No. 43. By Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance have examined the accompanying accounts, and finding the same correct, ask that the same be ordered paid:

PER DIEM OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

John B. Goodwin,	5 days	$25 00
C. A. Keller,	5 days	25 00
Edgar Whitlock,	5 days	25 00
O. J. Semmes,	4 days	20 00
J. B. Cockrum,	5 days	25 00
J. Otis Humphrey,	4 days	20 00
L. A. Cook,	5 days	25 00
James B. Guyton,	4 days	20 00
B. M. Dilley,	4 days	20 00
Total		$205 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. JONES, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, WM. H. COX,
HOWARD LANKESTER, F. B. BRYANT, BENJ. BREMNER,
GEORGE N. NUTT, FRANKLIN RINGLER, E. S. CONWAY,
F. A. STIER, CHARLES J. BROWN.

No. 44. By Rep. Cox, of Kentucky, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom were presented the following accounts, report that they have examined and considered the same, and recommend their payment:

Expense and per diem of J. B. Blanks as Sub-Committ on Finance	$24 48
Expense of J. W. Stebbins, Grand Sire, postage, telegrams, office supplies, etc	47 00

EXPENSE OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING SUPPLIES.

John M. Jones	$18 40	
I. A. Sheppard	10 84	
George W. Dilks	32 72	
W. H. Iszard	13 84	
Theodore A. Ross	12 40	88 20
		$159 68

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. COX, F. B. BRYANT, JOHN M. JONES,
FRANKLIN RINGLER, GEORGE N. NUTT, E. S. CONWAY,
BENJAMIN BREMNER, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, F. A. STIER.

No. 45. By Rep. STIER, of the District of Columbia, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the resolutions offered by Rep. HOLMES, of Washington, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be, and hereby are, instructed to make contract for the manufacture of uniform regalia for the Order in all the Degrees, excepting only that of Patriarchs Militant; that such uniform regalia shall be purchased, and kept on sale by the Grand Secretary of this Grand Body, at prices not exceeding 25 per cent. more than the cost of such regalia.

"*Resolved*, That all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges and Subordinate Encampments instituted after January 1st, 1896, and all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges and Subordinate Encampments purchasing new regalia, shall purchase the same from the Grand Secretary.

"*Resolved*, That nothing herein shall prevent the members of a Rebekah Lodge making their regalia, or the lady friends of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment from making the regalia for such Lodge or Encampment."

Beg leave to report, that after consideration of the same, they find that it is the sense of the committee, that the Sovereign Grand Lodge should not go into the manufacture of regalia, nor is it expedient for it to burden itself with making contracts for the same, and they recommend that they be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. STIER,	FRANKLIN RINGLER,	GEORGE N. NUTT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,	JOHN M. JONES,	HOWARD LANKESTER,
F. B. BRYANT,	C. J. BROWN,	BENJ. BREMNER,
E. S. CONWAY,	WM. H. COX.	

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until 3 o'clock this afternoon, which was agreed to.

The Chair, accordingly, declared the Grand Lodge adjourned.

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3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Grand Officers and quorum of Grand Representatives.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the special order, the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

The proposed amendment, page 14,018, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Article XVI. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by adding thereto the following section, to-wit:

SEC. 5. No saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: Will the Lodge adopt the amendment? Which was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Abercrombie, Adams, Allan, Allen, Aten, Aydelott, Badley, Bailey, Baker, Bassett, Bertram, Bethard, Bingham, Blackeby, Bloodworth, Bodle, Bremner, Brown of Nevada, Brown of Quebec, Brownlee, Bryant, Bucher, Buck, Bullard, Burroughs, Byer, Christie, Conway, Cook, Cox of Arkansas, Cox of Kentucky, Daniel, Davis, DeLeeuw, Dilley, Donogh, Douglass, Downs, Ellard, Emerson, Farnham, Farrar, Fathers, Floyd, Gambell, Gaster, Gilpatric, Glenn, Glidden, Godman, Goodell, Goodwin, Grant, Hale, Harriman, Hoge, Holden, Holmes, Huffaker, Humphrey, Huskins, Hutchinson, Iszard, Johnson, Johnston, Jolliffe, Jorgensen, Keller, Koonz, Lankester, Leach, Lee, Leedy, Longueville, Loomis, Mack, Maguire, Mann, Manville, Marden, Marigold, McClurg, McKinnon, Merrick, Merrimann, Mitchell, Moore, Morford, Munsell, Musson, Newman, Nolen, Nutt, Nye, Oates, Parker of Oregon, Parker of Vermont, Parks, Parson, Pascoe, Patten, Peirce, Penfield, Pettit, Phillips, Pinkerton, Piper, Rea, Reinheimer, Reynolds, Rich, Richardson, Ringler, Roberts, Robinson, Roche, Rogers of Colorado, Rogers of the Lower Provinces, Rogers of Utah, Sanders, Savage, Schott, Smith, Stansbury, Steurnagel, Stier, Thomas, Thompson, Trumpler, Tucker, Tweedale, Van Deman, Waldo, Waller, Ward, Watson of Wisconsin, Weir, Welch, Wells, White, Whitehurst, Whitlock, Wiley, Williamson, Willis of Idaho, Wood, Young—147.

NAYS—Reps. Blumenthal, Cable, Clapp, Cockrum, Comly, Dilcher, Dilks, Grassmann, Guyton, Heineman, Herring, Hiehle, Isaac, Jones, Kuykendall, Muckle, Pearson, Reed, Ricks, Russell, Schnauber, Semmes, Shakspeare, Shirts, Stern, Strough, Talbott, Van Noorden, Voegtle, Watson of Florida, Weaver, Wright—32.

The consideration of the remaining propositions to amend the Constitution was suspended, when

The Chair presented the following:

J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire:*

I hereby make application to have the Grand Decoration of Chivalry conferred on me at this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

J. L. JORGENSEN,
Grand Representative of Wisconsin.

Recommended by

J. W. WATSON,
JAS. A. FATHERS,
J. C. OATES,
} *G. Reps. of Wisconsin.*

Approved:

J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire.*

Rep. EMERSON, of South Dakota, moved that the request be granted, which was agreed to.

The Chair also, presented the following:

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., September 18th, 1895.

JOHN W. STEBBINS, *Commander-in-Chief:*

When the Department Council of Pennsylvania met in annual session, it was not expected that the Grand Decoration of Chivalry would be conferred this year, hence that Body did not avail itself of the privilege of making recommendations for this Degree, I, therefore, request that you recommend to the S. G. L. the following named Militant Officers to receive the Grand Decoration of Chivalry, and can assure you that they are men whose characters are beyond reproach, that they are in every way eligible to receive this honored distinction:

Lt.-Col. PHILIP J. VETTER, Chief of Staff, Canton Scranton, No. 4, Scranton, Pa.; Major G. W. SKILLHORN, A. A. G., Canton Scranton, No. 4, Scranton, Pa.; Major JOHN JONES, Brigade Chaplain, Canton Wilkes Barre, No. 31, Avoca, Pa.; Major W. C. COWLES, 2d Batt. 2d Reg., Canton Scranton, No. 4, Scranton, Pa.

These officers have rendered long and faithful service in the Militant branch of our Order, and I sincerely hope that you can see your way clear to make the recommendation as requested; that the S. G. L. may take action upon the same at the afternoon session.

Your obedient servant,

ED. C. DEANS,

Brigadier Com'g Dept. of Penna.

Approved:

J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire.*

Rep. EMERSON, of South Dakota, moved that the request be granted, which was agreed to.

The following reports were laid on the table under the rule:

No. 46. By Rep. DILCHER, of New York, from the Committee on Returns:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the annual reports of the Grand Encampments of Alabama, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Manitoba, Maritime Provinces of Canada, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming, report, that they have examined the same and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DILCHER,	E. D. ALLEN,	IRA H. ADAMS,
D. A. BUCHER,	E. B. VAN DEMAN,	D. H. PARKS,
SEPTIMIUS HALL,	G. C. PATTEN,	J. JAY BUCK,
J. C. MITCHELL,	W. T. WILLIAMSON.	

No. 47. By Rep. ADAMS, of New Hampshire, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the annual reports of Grand Lodges on Rebekah Lodges within their Jurisdictions, respectfully report, that they have examined the reports of the following Jurisdictions, and find them correct: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Indian Territory, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Lower Provinces of British North America, Maine, Manitoba, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming; also, Pacific Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, subordinate to this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

IRA H. ADAMS,	J. DILCHER,	E. D. ALLEN,
D. A. BUCHER,	E. B. VAN DEMAN,	D. M. PARKS,
SEPTIMIUS HALL,	G. C. PATTEN,	J. JAY BUCK,
J. C. MITCHELL,	W. T. WILLIAMSON.	

No. 48. By Rep. HALL, of West Virginia, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns respectfully report, that they have examined the annual reports of the following named Grand Lodges, and find them correct:

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Indian Territory, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Lower Provinces of British North America, Maine, Manitoba, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,

SEPTIMIUS HALL,	J. DILCHER,	E. D. ALLEN,
IRA H. ADAMS,	D. A. BUCHER,	E. B. VAN DEMAN,
D. M. PARKS,	G. C. PATTEN,	J. JAY BUCK,
F. C. MITCHELL,	W. T. WILLIAMSON.	

No. 49. By Rep. PARKS, of Maine, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the annual reports of the following Subordinate Lodges, working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and found them correct: Alberta No. 1,

Lethbridge No. 2, Calgary No. 3, Mountain View No. 4, Pincher Creek No. 5, Innisfail No. 6, Friendship No. 7, Alberta, Canada; Medicine Hat No. 3, Maple Creek No. 5, Assiniboia, Canada; Pacific No. 2, Conception No. 11, Chile, South America; Regla No. 6, Isle of Cuba; Concorde No. 1, La Fraternite No. 2, France, Europe; Ridgely No. 1, Porfirio Diaz No. 5, Mexico; Paradise No. 1, Mount Sinai No. 2, Ware Bataven No. 4, the Netherlands, Europe; Atlantic No. 1, Newfoundland; Lima No. 1, Chalaco No. 4, Peru, South America; Excelsior No. 1, Harmony No. 3, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands; Saskatchewan No. 1, Saskatchewan, Canada; Amicitia No. 3, John Ericsson No. 4, Concordia No. 5, Holmia No. 6, Vestmannia No. 7, Linnea No. 8, Sweden, Europe.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. PARKS, J. DILCHER, E. D. ALLEN,
SEPTIMIUS HALL, D. A. BUCHER, IRA H. ADAMS,
E. B. VAN DEMAN, G. C. PATTEN, J. JAY BUCK,
J. C. MITCHELL, W. T. WILLIAMSON.

No. 50. Rep. BUCHER, of Virginia, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the annual reports of the following Subordinate Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, report that they have examined the same and find them correct, viz.:

Alberta No. 1, Canada; Granite No. 1, Floral No. 2, Gila No. 3, Comet No. 4, Golden Rule No. 5, Arizona; Ridgely No. 1, Pushmataha No. 2, White Bead No. 3, Purcell No. 4, Coalgate No. 6, Indian Territory; Hidalgo No. 1, Mexico; Las Vegas No. 2, Centennial No. 3, Albuquerque No. 4, Raton No. 5, Wilderness No. 6, New Mexico; Polynesia No. 1, Sandwich Islands: Greenville No. 6, Chicora No. 9, South Carolina; Suecia No. 1, Wasa No. 2, Sweden, Europe.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. BUCHER, J. DILCHER, E. B. VAN DEMAN,
W. T. WILLIAMSON, D. M. PARKS, IRA H. ADAMS,
SEPTIMIUS HALL, E. D. ALLEN, G. C. PATTEN,
J. JAY BUCK, J. C. MITCHELL.

No. 51. By Rep. WATSON, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on the State of the Order:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. THOMAS, of Utah, with reference to procuring transportation to future sessions of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the same and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WATSON, WILLIAM H. ISZARD, GEORGE W. DILKS,
WILLIAM W. MORRIS, LEOPOLD DE LEEUW, J. C. LONGUEVILLE,
STILLWELL H. RUSSELL, W. L. KUYKENDALL, A. C. CABLE,
J. G. BLOODWORTH, N. C. PETTIT.

No. 52. By Rep. McCLURG, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Legislation:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MORFORD, of Arizona, providing for the care of unfortunate sojourning Brothers under certain circumstances, report, that it has been carefully considered, and your committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That said resolution be not adopted, and the committee be discharged from further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

MONROE MCCLURG, JOHN L. NOLEN, J. J. THOMAS,
JOHN DONOGH, R. M. ABERCROMBIE, H. E. PARKER,
WILL H. TALBOTT, I. N. ROGERS, FRANK B. WILLIS,
REUEL ROBINSON.

No. 53. By Rep. PARKER, of Vermont, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. CONWAY, of Illinois, which reads as follows:

"*Resolved*, That until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge, all Past Grand Sires, who shall be present at the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall receive mileage and per diem the same as now paid to the Representatives." Have carefully considered the subject. In consideration of the eminent character of these Brethren, the long years of service they each have freely given to the Order in faithful and arduous labors for its advancement, the interest manifested by them all in frequent and uniform attendance upon the sessions of this Grand Lodge, and as an act of justice toward the survivors of those who have been called to preside over its deliberations, execute its laws and guide the destinies of our great Order during their respective terms of office, we unanimously offer the following:

Resolved, That the resolution of Rep. CONWAY be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. PARKER, JOHN L. NOLEN, JOHN DONOGH,
R. M. ABERCROMBIE, I. N. ROGERS, FRANK B. WILLIS,
MONROE MCCLURG, J. J. THOMAS, W. H. TALBOTT,
REUEL ROBINSON.

No. 54. By Rep. DILKS, of New York, from the Committee on Printing Supplies:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Printing Supplies, to whom was referred a communication, presented by Rep. CONWAY, of Illinois, containing a preamble and resolution from certain Rebekah Lodges in Chicago, working in the Bohemian language, asking the Sovereign Grand Lodge to prepare a translation and cause to be printed, in the Bohemian language, the Ritual of the Rebekah Degree, would respectfully report, that we have considered the subect matjter referred to us, and considering that the Ritual of the Subordinate Lodge is printed in that language, we can see no objection to

granting the application of the Rebekah Lodges of Chicago, provided they furnish the committee with a proper translation without expense to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. We, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the application of the Rebekah Lodges of Chicago to have the Ritual printed in the Bohemian language for the use of Lodges working in that language be granted, provided that the said Lodges furnish the Committee on Printing Supplies with a proper translation, the same to be furnished without expense to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DILKS, WM. H. ISZARD, JNO. M. JONES,
THEO. A. ROSS.

No. 55. By Rep. ISZARD, of New Jersey, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Printing Supplies, to whom was referred the following resolution offered by Reps. ALLAN and STIER, of the District of Columbia, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be instructed to take into consideration the compiling of a pocket Manual, containing the lectures in the Ritual and the Burial Service, and to have such number of said Manual printed as they may deem advisable, to be sold as other supplies."

Beg leave to report, that we have duly considered the resolution and offer the following:

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient and unwise, and ask to be relieved from the further consideration of this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. ISZARD, GEORGE W. DILKS, JNO. M. JONES.

No. 56. By Rep. WARD, of Kansas, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the following petitions:

From the Grand Lodge of New York, presented by Reps. DILKS and STERN:

"*Resolved*, That sub-division 3 of Section 6, of the Code for the government of Rebekah Lodges, which reads as follows: 'All unmarried white women who have attained the age of eighteen years, who believe in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and who are of good moral character,' be repealed."

From Wisconsin, presented by Reps. FATHERS and OATES, and from Wyoming, presented by Rep. KUYKENDALL, all of which demand the repeal of Section 6 of the revised Rebekah Code.

Have carefully considered the same, and, deeming the proposed changes inexpedient, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. WARD, FRANCIS M. REA, M. S. CLAPP.
SAM. J. BAKER, W. MUSSON, J. TUCKER,
O. C. WHITE, W. S. BADLEY, JOSEPH MANN,
JOHN J. REED.

No. 57. By Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, herewith present a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem allowed each Officer and Representative according to the resolution adopted at this session, and submit the following:

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem in the accompanying table, accredited to each Officer and Representative are hereby ordered to be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH VOEGTLE,	FRANK S. EMERSON,	J. W. GOODELL,
B. F. SHAKSPEARE,	H. E. HOLMES,	CHAS. E. PEIRCE,
L. W. S. DOWNS,	GEO. L. LOOMIS,	H. L. STROUGH.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	Town or Post Office.	State.	Place of Nativity.	Profession.	Miles Traveled.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.									
Stebbins, J. W., G. Sire...	Rochester.....	New York....	New York....	Lawyer.....	414	6	$41 40	$30 00	$71 40
Carleton, Fred., D. G. Sire.	Austin.....	Texas.....	England.....	Lawyer.....	1,830	6	183 00	30 00	213 00
Ross, Theo. A., G. Sec....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	New Jersey...	Gr. Secretary .	152	6	15 20	30 00	45 20
Sheppard, I. A., G. Treas.	Philadelphia...	Pennsylvania..	New Jersey...	Manufacturer.	56	6	5 60	30 00	35 60
Coburn, G., A. G. Sec....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	Ireland	Ast. Gr. Sec'y.	152	6	15 20	30 00	45 20
Venable, J. W., G. Chap..	Hopkinsville..	Kentucky.....	D. Columbia..	Clergyman....	1,021	6	102 10	30 00	132 10
Blanks, J. B., G. Mar.....	Petersburg....	Virginia.....	Virginia.....	Accountant...	333	6	33 30	30 00	63 30
Hunt, F. S., G. Guar.....	Bridgeport....	Connecticut...	New York....	Assessor.....	193	6	19 30	30 00	49 30
Harwell, J. R., G. Mess...	Nashville.....	Tennessee	Tennessee.....	Physician.....	1,015	6	101 50	30 00	131 50
Campbell, Cl. T., P. G. Sire	London.....	Ontario	Ontario.....	Physician.....	610	6	61 00	30 00	91 00
REPRESENTATIVES.									
Abercrombie, R. M.....	St. Joseph....	Missouri.....	New York....	Contractor....	1,349	6	134 90	30 00	164 90
Adams, Ira H.....	Derry Depot..	N. Hampshire.	Vermont.....	Physician.....	413	6	41 30	30 00	71 30
Allan, W. P.....	Washington ..	D. Columbia..	Illinois.....	Clerk.....	192	6	19 20	30 00	49 20
Allen, E. D.....	Purcell.....	Indian Ter....	Illinois.....	Physician.....	1,742	6	174 20	30 00	204 20
Aten, Henry J.....	Hiawatha.....	Kansas.....	Illinois.....	Banker.....	1,401	6	140 10	30 00	170 10
Aydelott, Jas. G.	Tullahoma....	Tennessee	Kentucky.....	Lawyer.....	946	6	94 60	30 00	124 60
Badley, Wilbur S.....	Caldwell.....	Idaho	Iowa.....	Merchant.....	2,789	6	334 68	30 00	364 68
Bailey, Geo. A.....	Manchester...	N. Hampshire.	Massachusetts.	Physician.....	391	6	39 10	30 00	69 10
Baker, Sam. J.....	Olney	Illinois.....	Indiana.....	Photographer.	939	6	93 90	30 00	123 90
Bassett, Arthur.....	Fargo	N. Dakota ..	Iowa.....	Laundryman..	1,532	6	153 20	30 00	183 20
Bertram, G. W.....	Minneapolis ..	Minnesota....	New York....	Tinsmith	1,298	6	129 80	30 00	159 80
Bethard, Albert G.....	Decatur.....	Alabama.....	Ohio.....	Manufacturer.	986	6	98 60	30 00	128 60
Bingham, Ben.....	Memphis.....	Tennessee	Tennessee	Photographer.	1,174	6	117 40	30 00	147 40
Blackeby, A, H.....	Galt.....	Ontario	England.....	Insurance.....	565	6	56 50	30 00	86 50
Bloodworth, J. G.....	Atlanta.....	Georgia.....	Georgia.....	Just. of Peace..	841	6	84 10	30 00	114 10

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Blumenthal, Isaac D.	Holly Spring	Mississippi	Prussia	Merchant	1,147	6	$114 70	$30 00	$144 70
Bodle, Ed. F	Ellendale	N. Dakota	New York	Druggist	1,588	6	158 80	30 00	188 80
Bremner, Benj	Charlottetown	P. E. Island	P. E. Island	Printer	1,028	6	102 80	30 00	132 80
Brown, Charles J	St. Johns	Quebec	Massachusetts.	Manufacturer	495	6	49 50	30 00	79 50
Brown, Henry P	Reno	Nevada	Germany	Butcher	2,990	6	358 80	30 00	388 80
Brownlee, Charles H.	New Orleans	Louisiana	Louisiana	Lawyer	1,336	6	133 60	30 00	163 60
Bryant, F. B	Omaha	Nebraska	New York	Co. Treasurer	1,370	6	137 00	30 00	167 00
Bucher, D. A	Staunton	Virginia	Pennsylvania	Dentist	347	6	34 70	30 00	64 70
Buck, J. Jay	Emporia	Kansas	New York	Lawyer	1,436	6	143 60	30 00	173 60
Bullard, Massena	Helena	Montana	Missouri	Lawyer	2,418	6	290 16	30 00	320 16
Burroughs, Joseph	Washington	D. Columbia	New Jersey	Clerk	192	6	19 20	30 00	49 20
Byer, Luther J	Lincoln	Nebraska	Pennsylvania	Contractor	1,434	6	143 40	30 00	173 40
Cable, A. C	Covington	Ohio	Ohio	Banker	682	6	68 20	30 00	98 20
Carlin, W. E	Jerseyville	Illinois	Illinois	Grain Merchant	1,076	6	107 60	30 00	137 60
Christie, James	St. John	N. Brunswick	N. Brunswick	Physician	826	6	82 60	30 00	112 60
Clapp, Milo S	Warren	Ohio	Ohio	Manufacturer	498	6	49 80	30 00	79 80
Cockrum, John B	Indianapolis	Indiana	Indiana	Lawyer	791	6	79 10	30 00	109 10
Comly, E. B	Columbus	Ohio	Ohio	Manufr's Agent	603	6	60 30	30 00	90 30
Conway, E. S	Oak Park	Illinois	Canada	Manufacturer	887	6	88 70	30 00	118 70
Cook, L. A	S. Weymouth	Massachusetts.	Massachusetts.	Lawyer	386	6	38 60	30 00	68 60
Cox, Norval W	Little Rock	Arkansas	Indiana	Clerk	1,307	6	130 70	30 00	160 70
Cox, Wm. H	Maysville	Kentucky	Kentucky	Banker	728	6	72 80	30 00	102 80
Daniel, Robt. T	Griffin	Georgia	Georgia	Lawyer	884	6	88 40	30 00	118 40
Davis, Geo. L	Lansing	Michigan	N. Hampshire.	Sec. O. F. Assn.	790	6	79 00	30 00	109 00
DeLeeuw, Leopold	Hartford	Connecticut	Connecticut	Merchant	247	6	24 70	30 00	54 40
Dilcher, Jacob	Buffalo	New York	New York	Cashier	469	6	46 90	30 00	76 90
Dilks, Geo. W	New York	New York	New Jersey	Broker	137	6	13 70	30 00	43 70

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Dilley, B. M.	Hamilton	Missouri	Ohio	Lawyer	1,298	6	$129 80	$30 00	$159 80
Donogh, John	Toronto	Ontario	Ontario	Lumber Dealer	576	6	57 60	30 00	87 60
Douglass, W. C.	Carthage	N. Carolina	Georgia	Lawyer	556	6	55 60	30 00	85 60
Downs, L. W. S	San Francisco.	California	Indiana	Collector	3,235	6	388 20	30 00	418 20
Ellard, H. J.	McAllester	Indian Ter	England	Hotel	1,592	6	159 20	30 00	189 20
Emerson, F. S.	Sioux Falls	S. Dakota	Maine	Merchant	1,485	6	148 50	30 00	178 50
Farnham, J. E. C.	E. Providence.	Rhode Island.	Massachusetts.	Printer	326	6	32 60	30 00	62 60
Farrar, Henry C.	Rutland	Vermont	Ohio	Insurance	374	6	37 40	30 00	67 40
Fathers, Jas. A.	Janesville	Wisconsin	Illinois	City Treasurer	969	6	96 90	30 00	126 90
Floyd, R. G.	Eureka Spr'gs.	Arkansas	Wisconsin	Physician	1,362	6	136 20	30 00	166 20
Friedheim, J. B	Camden	Arkansas	Louisiana	Lawyer	1,401	6	140 10	30 00	170 10
Gambell, A. N.	Portland	Oregon	Vermont	City Auditor	3,266	6	391 92	30 00	421 92
Gaster, W. D.	Fayetteville	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	Justice of Peace	521	6	52 10	30 00	82 10
Gilpatric, Geo. A.	Kennebunk	Maine	Maine	Foreman	461	6	46 10	30 00	76 10
Glenn, Sam. H.	Kiowa	Kansas	Ohio	Druggist	1,614	6	161 40	30 00	191 40
Glidden, John A.	Dover	N. Hampshire.	N. Hampshire.	Undertaker	439	6	43 90	30 00	73 90
Godman, Geo. W.	Baltimore	Maryland	Maryland	Merchant	152	6	15 20	30 00	45 20
Goodell, Jerome W.	Burlington	Vermont	Vermont	Manufacturer	441	6	44 10	30 00	74 10
Goodwin, John B.	Atlanta	Georgia	Georgia	Lawyer	841	6	84 10	30 00	114 10
Grant, J. Frank	Petersburg	Kentucky	Kentucky	Banker	751	6	75 10	30 00	105 10
Grassmann, Aug.	Hoboken	New Jersey	Germany	Insurance	138	6	13 80	30 00	43 80
Guyton, Jas. B.	Baltimore	Maryland	Maryland	Lawyer	152	6	15 20	30 00	45 20
Hale, C. N.	Tacoma	Washington	California	Clerk	3,156	6	378 72	30 00	408 72
Hall, Septimius	N. Martinsville	W. Virginia	Virginia		575	6	57 50	30 00	87 50
Harriman, W. E.	Epworth	Iowa	Massachusetts.	R. E. and Ins	1,080	6	108 00	30 00	138 00
Heineman, H. H.	Negaunee	Michigan	Germany	Merchant	1,267	6	126 70	30 00	156 70
Herring, M. D.	Waco	Texas	Mississippi	Lawyer	1,740	6	174 00	30 00	204 00

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Hiehle, G. A	Parkersburg	W. Virginia	Germany	Florist	550	6	$55 00	$30 00	$85 00
Hoge, E. D	Salt Lake	Utah	W. Virginia	Lawyer	2,439	6	292 68	30 00	322 68
Holden, Thos. M	Riverpoint	Rhode Island	Michigan	Insurance	338	6	33 80	30 00	63 80
Holmes, H. E	Seattle	Washington	Wisconsin	Druggist	3,115	6	373 80	30 00	403 80
Huffaker, F. M	Virginia City	Nevada	Kentucky	Lawyer	3,042	6	365 04	30 00	395 04
Humphrey, J. O	Springfield	Illinois	Illinois	Lawyer	983	6	98 30	30 00	128 30
Huskins, Geo. M	Denver	Colorado	Pennsylvania	Auditor	1,940	6	194 00	30 00	224 00
Hutchinson, J. D	Columbus	Mississippi	S. Carolina	Physician	1,131	6	113 10	30 00	143 10
Isaac, P. J	Wilmington	Delaware	Ontario	Builder	82	6	8 20	30 00	38 20
Iszard, W. H	Camden	New Jersey	New Jersey	Physician	55	6	5 50	30 00	35 50
Johnson, Ed. G	Luther	Michigan	New York	County Clerk	957	6	95 70	30 00	125 70
Johnston, J. W	La Moure	N. Dakota	Ontario	Merchant	1,680	6	168 00	30 00	198 00
Jolliffe, T. W	Campbellford	Ontario	England	Clergyman	722	6	72 20	30 00	102 20
Jones, John M	Baltimore	Maryland	Maryland	Grand Secretary	152	6	15 20	30 00	45 20
Jorgensen, J. L	Green Bay	Wisconsin	Denmark	Merchant	1,076	6	107 60	30 00	137 60
Keller, C. A	San Antonio	Texas	Illinois	Lawyer	1,907	6	190 70	30 00	220 70
Koonz, J. C	Burlington	Iowa	Germany	Grand Secretary	1,084	6	108 40	30 00	138 40
Kuykendall, W. L	Saratoga	Wyoming	Missouri	Lawyer	2,096	6	251 52	30 00	281 52
Lankester, Howard	Fisher	Minnesota	England	Physician	1,599	6	159 90	30 00	189 90
Leach, Joseph	Greenville	S. Carolina	S. Carolina	Farmer	681	6	68 10	30 00	98 10
Lee, E. T	Calais	Maine	Maine	Insurance	778	6	77 80	30 00	107 80
Leedy, W. H	Indianapolis	Indiana	Indiana	Publisher	791	6	79 10	30 00	109 10
Longueville, J. C	Dubuque	Iowa	Illinois	Lawyer	1,063	6	106 30	30 00	136 30
Loomis, Geo. L	Fremont	Nebraska	New York	Lawyer	1,382	6	138 20	30 00	168 20
Mack, C. E	Virginia City	Nevada	Wisconsin	District Judge	3,042	6	365 04	30 00	395 04
Maguire, J. G	San Francisco	California	Massachusetts	Lawyer	3,235	6	388 20	30 00	418 20
Mann, Joseph	Golden	Colorado	Maryland	Lawyer	1,955	6	195 50	30 00	225 50

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Manville, T. D. L.	Ansonia	Connecticut	Connecticut	Superintendent	208	6	$20 80	$30 00	$50 80
Marden, O. A	Stoughton	Massachusetts	Maine	Lawyer	407	6	40 70	30 00	70 70
Marigold, W. H	Bridgeport	Connecticut	Connecticut	Printer	193	6	19 30	30 00	49 30
McClurg, Monroe	Vaiden	Mississippi	Mississippi	Lawyer	1,255	6	125 50	30 00	155 50
McKinnon, D. E	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Nova Scotia	Clerk	1,770	6	177 00	30 00	207 00
Merick, S. S	Carleton Place	Ontario	Ontario	Com. Merchant	669	6	66 90	30 00	96 90
Merriman, F. E	Boston	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Manufacturer	371	6	37 10	30 00	67 10
Mitchell, J. C	Seattle	Washington	Illinois	Carpenter	3,115	6	373 80	30 00	403 80
Moore, S. M	Norman	Oklahoma	Indian Ter	Plumber	1,726	6	172 60	30 00	202 60
Morford, N. A	Phoenix	Arizona	Pennsylvania	Editor	2,825	6	339 00	30 00	369 00
Morris, Wm. W	Louisville	Kentucky	New York	Life Insurance	833	6	83 30	30 00	113 30
Muckle, M. Richards	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Business Manager	56	6	5 60	30 00	35 60
Munsell, J. N	Cameron	Missouri	Ohio	Harness Maker	1,312	6	131 20	30 00	161 20
Musson, Wm	Des Moines	Iowa	England	Insurance	1,236	6	123 60	30 00	153 60
Newhall, Jas. T	Santa Fe	New Mexico	West India	Grand Secretary	2,177	6	261 24	30 00	291 24
Newman, Chas. A	El Reno	Oklahoma	Pennsylvania	Lawyer	1,688	6	168 80	30 00	198 80
Nolen, John L	Nashville	Tennessee	Tennessee	Lawyer	1,015	6	101 50	30 00	131 50
Nutt, Geo. N	Trenton	New Jersey	New Jersey	Teller	90	6	9 00	30 00	39 00
Nye, W. G	Minneapolis	Minnesota	Wisconsin	City Comp	1,298	6	129 80	30 00	159 80
Oates, J. C	Darlington	Wisconsin	England	Life Insurance	1,070	6	107 00	30 00	137 00
Parker, H. E	Bradford	Vermont	N. Hampshire	Editor	426	6	42 60	30 00	72 60
Parker, L. C	Dallas	Oregon	Ohio	Fruit Grower	3,329	6	399 48	30 00	429 48
Parks, D. M	Pittsfield	Maine	Maine	Broker	588	6	58 80	30 00	88 80
Parson, T. T	St. Louis	Missouri	Ontario	Manufacturer	1,031	6	103 10	30 00	133 10
Pascoe, George	Butte City	Montana	England	Merchant	2,520	6	302 40	30 00	332 40
Patten, G. C	Montpelier	Idaho	Maine	Probate Judge	2,588	6	310 56	30 00	340 56
Pearson, Thomas	Rock Springs	Wyoming	England	Mechanic	2,201	6	264 12	30 00	294 12

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Peirce, C. E	Providence	Rhode Island	Rhode Island	Contractor	326	6	$32 60	$30 00	$62 60
Penfield, John B	Vicksburg	Michigan	Michigan	Editor	858	6	85 80	30 00	115 80
Pettit, N. C	Waldo	Florida	Illinois	Broker	1,019	6	101 90	30 00	131 90
Phillips, J. E	Victoria	B. Columbia	England	Contractor	3,174	6	380 88	30 00	410 88
Pinkerton, A. S	Worcester	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania	Lawyer	327	6	32 70	30 00	62 70
Piper, H. A	Hill City	S. Dakota	Massachusetts	Merchant	1,988	6	198 80	30 00	228 80
Rea, F. M	Germantown	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Brass Founder	63	6	6 30	30 00	36 30
Reed, John J	Montreal	Quebec	Quebec	Broker	521	6	52 10	30 00	82 10
Reinheimer, L	Fairmont	W. Virginia			468	6	46 80	30 00	76 80
Reynolds, T. E	Winston	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	Manufacturer	510	6	51 00	30 00	81 00
Rich, R. W	Cheyenne	Wyoming	New York	Conductor	1,887	6	226 44	30 00	256 44
Richardson, F. T. E	Manchester	N. Hampshire	N. Hampshire	Bookkeeper	391	6	39 10	30 00	69 10
Ricks, Adolph G	New Orleans	Louisiana	Germany	Merchant	1,336	6	133 60	30 00	163 60
Ringler, Franklin	Grafton	W. Virginia	Pennsylvania	Carpenter	446	6	44 60	30 00	74 60
Roberts, Richard	Victoria	B. Columbia	England	Tailor	3,174	6	380 88	30 00	410 88
Robinson, Reuel	Camden	Maine	Maine	Lawyer	579	6	57 90	30 00	87 90
Roche, W. J	Minnedosa	Manitoba	Ontario	Physician	1,905	6	190 50	30 00	220 50
Rogers, Alexander	Salt Lake	Utah	Scotland	Merchant	2,439	6	292 68	30 00	322 68
Rogers, I. N	Denver	Colorado	Mississippi	Undertaker	1,940	6	194 00	30 00	224 00
Rogers, W. S	Halifax	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	Clerk	1,101	6	110 10	30 00	140 10
Russell, S. H	Dallas	Texas	Texas	Lawyer	1,691	6	169 10	30 00	199 10
Sanders, D. L	Montpelier	Vermont	Vermont	Carpenter	462	6	46 20	30 00	76 20
Savage, Chas. W	Santa Rosa	California	Maine	Dentist	3,236	6	388 32	30 00	418 32
Schnauber, Fred	Yankton	S. Dakota	Germany	Manufacturer	1,416	6	141 60	30 00	171 60
Schott, Wm	Helena	Montana	Germany		2,418	6	290 16	30 00	320 16
Semmes, Oliver J	Mobile	Alabama	Virginia	Lawyer	1,195	6	119 50	30 00	149 50
Shakspeare, B. F	Wilmington	Delaware	Delaware	Builder	82	6	8 20	30 00	38 20

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Shirts, George	Noblesville	Indiana	Indiana	Lawyer	813	6	$81 30	$30 00	$111 30
Smith, J. B.	Newark	New Jersey	New Jersey	Varnish Maker	138	6	13 80	30 00	43 80
Stansbury, D. R.	Alexandria	Virginia	Virginia	Merchant	199	6	19 90	30 00	49 90
Stern, Jacob	Buffalo	New York	New York	Lawyer	469	6	46 90	30 00	76 90
Steuernagel, Henry	Avalon	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Printer	416	6	41 60	30 00	71 60
Stier, F. A.	Washington	D. Columbia	Maryland	Cashier	192	6	19 20	30 00	49 20
Strough, H. L.	Guthrie	Oklahoma	New York	Carpenter	1,677	6	167 70	30 00	197 70
Talbott, W. H.	Orleans	Indiana	Indiana	Lawyer	855	6	85 50	30 00	115 50
Thomas, J. J.	Salt Lake	Utah	Illinois	Lawyer	2,439	6	292 68	30 00	322 68
Thompson, J. F.	Eureka	California	Pennsylvania	Editor	3,531	6	423 72	30 00	453 72
Trumpler, P. J.	Pawtucket	Rhode Island	Ohio	Journalist	330	6	33 00	30 00	63 00
Tucker, John	Moosomin	Assiniboia	England	Machinist	1,989	6	198 90	30 00	228 90
Tweedale, W. C	Albany	Oregon	England	Real Estate	3,346	6	401 52	30 00	431 52
Van Deman, E. B.	Jacksonville	Florida			963	6	96 30	30 00	126 30
Van Noorden, Louis	Toledo	Ohio	New York	Insurance	671	6	67 10	30 00	97 10
Voegtle, Joseph	New Orleans	Louisiana	Germany	Hotel	1,336	6	133 60	30 00	163 60
Waldo, Chas. E	Canon City	Colorado	New York	Lawyer	1,983	6	198 30	30 00	228 30
Waller, H.	Victoria	B. Columbia	England	Clothier	3,174	6	380 88	30 00	410 88
Ward, M. B.	Topeka	Kansas	Ohio	Surgeon	1,375	6	137 50	30 00	167 50
Watson, J. W.	Fond du Lac	Wisconsin	Scotland	Lawyer	1,039	6	103 90	30 00	133 90
Watson, Thomas C.	Pensacola	Florida	Scotland	Real Estate	1,178	6	117 80	30 00	147 80
Weaver, H. C.	Huntsville	Alabama	Alabama		961	6	96 10	30 00	126 10
Weir, A. H.	Lincoln	Nebraska	New Jersey	Lumber Dealer	1,434	6	143 40	30 00	173 40
Welch, James	Milford	Delaware	Delaware	Merchant	155	6	15 50	30 00	45 50
Wells, Wm. H.	Montevideo	Minnesota	New York	Insurance	1,432	6	143 20	30 00	173 20
White, O. C.	Olympia	Washington	Iowa	Printer	3,188	6	382 56	30 00	412 56
Whitehurst, N. E.	Portsmouth	Virginia	Virginia	Clerk	311	6	31 10	30 00	61 10

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Whitlock, Edgar.	Brooklyn.....	New York....	New York ..	Lawyer...	138	6	$13 80	$30 00	$43 80
Wiley, T. W.....	McKinney....	Texas.....	Alabama	Physician.	1,655	6	165 50	30 00	195 50
Williamson, W. T	Salem	Oregon	Canada.....	Physician.	3,318	6	398 16	30 00	428 16
Willis, Frank B..	Pocatello	Idaho	New York....	Druggist..	2,535	6	304 20	30 00	334 20
Wood, Henry O..	Waterbury....	Connecticut...	Connecticut...	Clerk	225	6	22 50	30 00	52 50
Wright, R. E.....	Allentown....	Pennsylvania..	Pennsylvania..	Lawyer...	115	6	11 50	30 00	41 50
Young, James....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	Maryland.....	Printer....	125	6	15 20	30 00	45 20
					230,723	1,164	$24,990 64	$5,820 00	$30,810 64

No. 58. By Rep. GRASSMANN, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom were referred those parts of the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports relating to the condition of the Order outside the North American Continent, submit the following:

The correspondence of the Grand Secretary had with the Jurisdictions of Australasia, Chile, Cuba, France, Germany, Netherlands, Peru, Mexico, Sandwich Islands, Denmark and Japan exhibits no marked increase in Lodges or membership, nor does this condition require any special action by this Grand Body. Political strife and business depressions are generally given as reasons for this state of affairs. The Brethren, however, seem to be confident of a hopeful and brighter future for the prosperity of our Order.

For detailed information we recommend to the Representatives the careful reading of the official documents accompanying the Grand Sire's report and the extracts of correspondence contained in the Grand Secretary's report.

Sweden. The institution of a State Grand Lodge in said kingdom by our Special Deputy Grand Sire Bro. HERMAN BLOCK, on July 8th, 1895, at Stockholm, is a very important step to extend and more firmly establish our great Order in Europe. The institution of said Grand Body as fully reported, (Off. Doc. A, Grand Sire's report) has been very laborious and difficult to perform, and has only been accomplished at a heavy sacrifice of time, comfort and money, for which we can never compensate our Special Deputy Grand Sire HERMAN BLOCK in word or deed, as it was done by him out of devotion and love for our Order. The Brethren into whose hands he has entrusted the Grand Charter, are men of culture, means, and of standing in the community, and are enjoying the highest respect, so that no fear may be entertained as to the ultimate success of our Order in said country.

We submit the following recommendation as to Sweden:

1. That all his acts reported be approved.
2. That the institution of the Grand Lodge of Sweden for purposes of accounts, date from the first of January, 1895; that it collect dues from its Subordinates from that time.
3. That no Representative tax be collected from the Grand Lodge of Sweden, as it cannot, on account of distance and cost send any Representative.
4. That as soon as possible the Grand Lodge of Sweden, having given good evidence of capability for self-government, and asking for the same, be given a quasi-independent Charter, such as made to Switzerland, Denmark, Germany, Australasia, or similar to the same.

Italy. Our Special Deputy Grand Sire reports the institution of Columbo Lodge, No. 1, at Naples, on the 12th day of March, 1895. He reports that while a fierce storm raged without, a loyal, warm-hearted band of Brothers, full of good will and love toward men, were ready within, to be empowered to be constituted a legal Lodge of our Order in the Kingdom of Italy.

The exceptionally cold winter that raged in Italy, in a manner unknown in that country, and the difficulty created by the language, have also made this institution one of great work and difficulty, that would have perhaps been a failure in the hands of any other Brother but our accomplished Bro. H. BLOCK. Bro. BLOCK reports that he has not collected the prescribed charter fee, deeming it improper under the circumstances, and considering the same excessively high for a new Lodge to be burdened with.

Relating to the Order and its introduction into Italy, we recommend:

1. That the Warrant of Columbo Lodge, No. 1, of Italy, at Naples, be confirmed; that two additional copies of the Italian Ritual be presented to them, one being supplied to them by the Grand Secretary and left with the new Lodge of necessity; that they be presented with one copy of White's Digest, and that the charter fee be remitted in this case.

2. That said Lodge, for the time being, be left under the charge of Special Deputy Grand Sire Bro. BLOCK and, furthermore, be it

Resolved, That all the acts of Bro. HERMAN BLOCK, Special Deputy Grand Sire, for Europe, in instituting the Grand Lodge of Sweden and Columbo Lodge, No. 1, of Naples, Italy, be, and they are hereby, approved and confirmed.

The reference made by Brother BLOCK, in regard to a copy of the Secret Work for the joint use of the Grand Lodges of Denmark and Sweden is not before the committee in such form as to be acted upon, and it will be time enough to consider the subject when an official request is made for the same by these Grand Bodies.

We are pleased to learn that Austria has removed the interdict against our Order, and that we have hopes to see our Fraternity established in said Empire in the near future.

The work of the Special Deputy Grand Sire has been very laborious and expensive on account of the great distances required to be traveled, and the expense of transportation in some parts of Europe has far exceeded the appropriation, and the difference had to come out of his own pocket and be borne by him, besides giving his invaluable services to our Order. Equity and justice would impel the committee to recommend that he should be fully reimbursed, but deeming that the present appropriation for the European Mission is all that at present should be expended for the establishment and maintainance of the Order in Europe, the committee refrain from recommending an increase of the present appropriation.

In recommending the continuance of the Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, we find it for the interest of the Order at large, that said officer should officially visit, as far as possible, all the Grand Bodies of Europe, as well as the Lodges which are subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the sum of $500 is hereby annually appropriated to defray the expenses of the Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, and that the Committee on Finance be instructed to insert the said sum in the budget of expenses, unless otherwise ordered by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and be it further

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. HERMAN BLOCK, Special Deputy Grand Sire, for his zealous, able and unselfish manner in which he has performed his many and arduous duties.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUST GRASSMANN,	WM. SCHOTT,	A. G. RICKS,
DAVID L. SANDERS,	W. J. ROCHE,	I. D. BLUMENTHAL,
J. L. JORGENSEN,	A. H. BLACKEBY,	H. STEUERNAGEL,
A. G. BETHARD,	R. W. RICH.	

No. 59. By Rep. GASTER, of North Carolina, from the Special Committee on the Honorable Veteran Jewel:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee on the Honorable Veteran Jewel have had under consideration the resolution on the above subject introduced by Rep. GASTER, of North Carolina, and report in favor of its adoption. Said resolution is as follows:

"WHEREAS, There are a few, very few, old veterans in the Order of over fifty years' standing, who from no fault of their own, are deprived from wearing the 'Honorable Veteran Jewel,' as provided by law of this Grand Body, therefore,

"*Resolved*, That, whenever it can be certified that the continuous good standing in membership of fifty years was not interrupted exceeding four years, and then only while the Grand Lodge of the State did not work, and thereby deprived the Subordinates of the regular means of work, such members of Subordinates shall be entitled to receive and wear the 'Honorable Veteran Jewel.'"

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. GASTER, J. B. GOODWIN, E. S. CONWAY,
M. D. HERRING.

Rep. HUFFAKER, of Nevada, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, which was agreed to.

The Chair, accordingly, declared the Grand Lodge adjourned.

THURSDAY, September 19th, 1895, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STEBBINS	Grand Sire.
FRED. CARLETON	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS	Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE COBURN	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	Grand Chaplain.
JAMES B. BLANKS	Grand Marshal.
FRED. S. HUNT	Grand Guardian.
J. R. HARWELL	Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS	New York.
MILTON J. DURHAM	Kentucky.
JOHN H. WHITE	New York.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE	North Carolina.
CL. T. CAMPBELL	Ontario, Canada.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Chair, declared the Grand Lodge opened for business.

Rep. HOLDEN, of Rhode Island, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday, be dispensed with, which was adopted.

The Jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama, moved the following, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That so much of Section 39 of the Rules of Order of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as reads:

"To the Committee on Appeals, all appeals from the action of Grand Jurisdictions and from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge," be so amended as to read: "To the Committee on Appeals, all appeals from the action of Grand Jurisdictions, except when the appeal is taken from the action of a Grand Jurisdiction affirming or overruling a decision made by a Grand Master or a Grand Patriarch in answer to a question involving no specific right, but simply an abstract question of law, and all appeals from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge."

Resolved, That so much of the said Section 39 as reads: "To the Committee on the Judiciary, all questions in relation to the construction of the laws of the Order and the decisions of the Grand Sire upon questions of law," be so amended as to read: "To the Committee on the Judiciary, all questions in relation to the construction of the laws of the Order, the decisions of the Grand Sire upon questions of law, and appeals taken from the action of Grand Jurisdictions, affirming or overruling decisions made by a Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, in answer to a question involving no specific right, but simply an abstract question of law."

Rep. MARIGOLD, of Connecticut, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That Section 24, of the Rebekah laws, be amended by inserting after the words "ball ballot," in the seventh line, the following: "Votes upon suspension for non-payment of dues shall be viva voce."

Rep. LEEDY, of Indiana, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Resolved, That Section 5, Article XVI., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, adopted at yesterday's session, shall not be construed in its meaning so as to affect membership now existing.

Rep. LONGUEVILLE, of Iowa, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That Rule 4 of the Rules of Order of this Grand Body be changed, by striking out the word "Foreign," in the eighth line from the top, and that the word "International," be inserted in lieu thereof, so that the line will read: "On International Relations, to consist of eleven members."

Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

Resolved, That Section 7 of the Code of Patriarchs Militant be amended by striking out the words "the senior officer," in the third line of said section, and inserting the words "the ranking officer," so that the section, when so amended, will read as follows: "Sec. 7. The elective commissioned officers in each Jurisdiction shall be as follows: A Department Commander the ranking officer; a Major-General, commanding a Division; a Brigadier, commanding a Brigade; a Colonel commanding a Regiment; a Lieutenant-Colonel, second in command of a Regiment; a Major commanding a Battalion; a Captain commanding a Canton; a Lieutenant, second in command of a Canton; an Ensign, third in command of a Canton; a sub-officer, to be Clerk of a Canton; a sub-officer, to be Accountant of a Canton. Provided, only such officers shall be elected as may be necessary to command the organized forces of each Department."

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, Commander-in-Chief of the Patriarchs Militant, be, and he is hereby, authorized to procure the necessary paraphernalia in conferring the several Decorations of Chivalry.

Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, by request of E. BURRITT PALMER, of Massachusetts, presented a protested check signed by JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, L. G., and payable to said E. BURRITT PALMER or order, which check has never been paid, and E. BURRITT PALMER now asks this Grand Lodge to pay him the amount due thereon, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

(Copy of Check.)

"No. 1846. COVINGTON, Ky., Aug. 31st, 1891.

Farmers and Traders' National Bank.

Pay to the Order of Gen. E. B. PALMER, Comdr. Div.,

Fifty-three 35-100————————Dollars.

Div. of East per centage 1889-90.

$53.35. JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, L. G."

Letter of E. BURRITT PALMER requesting payment of check by Sovereign Grand Lodge, filed herewith.

Protest of check filed herewith.

Rep. VAN NOORDEN, of Ohio, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. CABLE, of Ohio, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be required, when the present supply of the Book of Forms is exhausted, in the editions published hereafter, to strike out the word "these" in eleventh line from top of page 87, in the edition of 1895, and insert the word "there," so that the charge shall read as follows: "*Grand Warden.* Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life evermore."

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

The proposed amendment, page 14,082, Journal, as follows was considered:

Amend Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to read:

No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and who are not engaged in the retail traffic of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. *Provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The proposed amendment, page 14,083, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Section 3, Article IX., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. A Grand Representative must be a Past Grand, in good standing, and a member of a Lodge in good standing. He must have received the Royal Purple Degree, and be a member in good standing of an Encampment in good standing. He must be a member in good standing of a Rebekah Lodge in good standing. And he must reside in the State, District or Territory in which the Grand Lodge or Encampment which he represents is located.

No Representative shall represent more than one Grand Body at the same time.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The proposed amendment, page 14,179, Journal, as follows, was considered :

Resolved, That Section 2, of Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be amended, so as to read as follows:

Sec. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions may provide by constitutional enactment for the admission of Indians of not more than one-eighth part Indian blood; and *provided, further*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been, or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. GRANT, of Kentucky, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

Rep. EMERSON, of South Dakota, moved that the Lodge proceed to consider the reports as they appear on the Journal, which was agreed to.

The first report (No. 19), page 14,477, from the Committee on the State of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 20), page 14,478, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 21), page 14,478, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 22), page 14,479, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 23), page 14,479, from the Committee on Legislation, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 24), page 14,479, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 25), page 14,480, from the same committee, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. NYE, of Minnesota, moved to amend by inserting after the words "Past Chief Patriarch," in the eighth line of the resolution, the words, "or Past Noble Grand."

The question being on the amendment, it was agreed to, and the report, as amended, was adopted.

The next report (No. 26), page 14,480, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 27), page 14,481, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 28), page 14,481, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The consideration of reports, as they appear on the Journal, was suspended, when

Rep. ISZARD, of New Jersey, presented the following:

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 19th, 1895.

To the Officers and Grand Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

Yourselves and wives are invited to take a sail from the Inlet, at 4 P. M., Friday next.

By order of Local Committee,

S. L. WESTCOAT, *Chairman.*

Rep. COOK, of Massachusetts, moved that the invitation be received, and, so far as it does not interfere with the business of the Grand Lodge, be accepted, which was agreed to.

The Lodge proceeded to consider the special order, the invitation to hold the session of 1896, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Rep. FRIEDHEIM, of Arkansas, moved that the invitation be accepted, which was not agreed to.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the session of 1896 be held in Baltimore, Maryland, which was not agreed to, 65 voting in the affirmative and 98 in the negative.

Rep. RUSSELL, of Texas, moved that the session of 1896 be held in Dallas, Texas, which was agreed to.

Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, moved that the report, (No. 57), from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, as corrected, be adopted, which was agreed to.

The consideration of reports as they appear on the Journal, was resumed.

The first report (No. 29), page 14,481, from the Committee on Finance, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 30), page 14,482, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 31), page 14,483, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 32), page 14,484, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 33), page 14,484, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 34), page 14,484, from the same committee, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. BULLARD, of Montana, moved that its further consideration be indefinitely postponed, the subject having been disposed of in a previous report (No. 20), which was agreed to.

The next report (No. 35), page 14,485, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 37), page 14,486, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 38), page 14,486, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 39), page 14,487, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 40), page 14,487, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the consideration of the report be deferred until the other reports (Nos. 63, 65, 66, 67, 104, 105, 106, 135 and 140), on the same subject be considered together, which was agreed to.

The next report (No. 41), page 14,488, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 42), page 14,488, from the Committee on Finance, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 43), page 14,489, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 44), page 14,489, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 45), page 14,490, from the same committee, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. HOLMES, of Washington, moved the following:

Resolved, That the report be amended by striking out the word "not" in the last line but one of the report, so it shall read "and they recommend that they be adopted."

The question being on the amendment, it was not adopted.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report (No. 46), page 14,492, from the Committee on Returns, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 47), page 14,493, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 48), page 14,493, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 49), page 14,493, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 50), page 14,494, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 51), page 14,494, from the Committee on the State of the Order, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. WHITLOCK, of New York, moved that the report be referred back to the committee to report the legislation required, which was agreed to.

The next report (No. 52), page 14,495, from the Committee on Legislation, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 53), page 14,495, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 54), page 14,495, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 55), page 14,496, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 56), page 14,496, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Reps. DILKS and STERN, of New York, moved to amend, by substituting the following for the recommendation of the committee:

Resolved, That sub-division 3 of Section 6, of the Code for the government of Rebekah Lodges be amended to read as follows:

3. All white women being widowed mothers, unmarried daughters, step-daughters, adopted daughters and unmarried sisters or half-sisters, or widows, widowed mothers, unmarried daughters, step-daughters, sisters or half-sisters of deceased Odd Fellows who were in good standing at the time of their death.

The question being on the amendment,

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the further consideration of the report and amendment be made the special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment,

Rep. WARD, of Kansas, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: Will the Lodge adopt the amendment? Which was resolved in the negative?

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report (No. 58), page 14,506, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the second resolution be amended by striking out the word "annually," which was agreed to, and the report, as amended, was adopted.

The next report (No. 59), page 14,507, from the Special Committee on the Honorable Veteran Jewel, was considered and adopted.

Rep. SCHNAUBER, of South Dakota, moved the following, which were referred to the Committee on Petitions:

WHEREAS, By order of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, Elk Point Lodge, No. 4, had been suspended, and in consequence Hesperian Encampment, No. 3, of the same locality, was suspended by the order of the Grand Patriarch and its Charter and effects taken care of by a committee and turned over to the Grand Scribe for safe keeping, and

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its last session in Chattanooga, reversed, on appeal, the action of the said Grand Lodge of South Dakota, and, therefore, the Charter and effects of both the Subordinate Lodge and the Encampment were ordered restored, but on turning over the effects of the Encampment it was found that its Charter, issued by this Grand Body in 1875, was missing and after due and diligent search can not be found. Be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue a duplicate of the old Charter, without cost, to said Hesperian Encampment, No. 3, of Elk Point, South Dakota.

Rep. LOOMIS, of Nebraska, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. BRYANT, of Nebraska, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. DANIEL, of Georgia, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. COOK, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That Grand Lodges be, and they are hereby authorized to permit Rebekah Lodges located within their respective Jurisdictions, to pay and disburse from the funds of such Rebekah Lodges, for the relief of the sick, the destitute or the distressed, from time to time, in such sums and upon such conditions as the By-Laws of such Rebekah Lodges or the laws of the Grand Lodge shall prescribe.

Reps. PINKERTON and COOK, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the Code for the government of Rebekah Lodges, adopted at the session of 1894, be amended by striking out Section 18 of said Code, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 18. To pay and disburse from the funds of the Lodge, for the relief of the sick, the destitute or the distressed, from time to time, as a majority of the members present shall by vote determine, or as shall be otherwise provided by the By-Laws.

Reps. PINKERTON and COOK, of Massachusetts, submitted a proposed new Code as follows, for the government of

Rebekah Lodges, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

CODE OF LAWS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF REBEKAH LODGES OF THE I. O. O. F.

Section 1. (Sec. 33, Code 1894). Except as hereinafter provided, all laws, rules and regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge now in force, or that may hereafter be adopted for the government of Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, or that in any way affect the rights of individual members, are made to apply, where applicable, in all their force to State and Territorial Grand Jurisdictions of the Degree of Rebekah; and in so applying them, when necessary, where the male gender is referred to in said laws, the same shall be construed to mean the female gender. In Rebekah Lodges the law shall apply to all members alike, and the rights, duties and privileges of membership shall be the same for Brothers as for Sisters.

Sec. 2. (Sec. 1.) The provisions of Article I., Section 5, of the Constitution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge shall apply with full force and effect to the Written and Unwritten Work of the Degree of Rebekah, and the same shall in no wise be altered or amended except by the votes specified in said section.

Sec. 3. (Sec. 27.) The Degree of Rebekah shall be conferred by duly constituted Rebekah Lodges only, except that for the purpose of assisting the organization of Rebekah Lodges, the necessary power to induct applicants for Charter into the Degree, where they do not possess it and are otherwise qualified, shall be vested in the several Grand Lodges and Grand Masters, *ad interim*.

Sec. 4. (Secs. 28 and 29.) A Rebekah Lodge shall consist of not less than five members, and cannot voluntarily surrender its Charter nor dissolve, as long as five members in good standing desire to retain such Charter and work under it. A quorum of a Rebekah Lodge shall consist of five members, including one lawfully qualified to preside. A Grand Lodge may authorize the institution or revival of a Rebekah Lodge with but five members. All the above requirements are to be construed as applying to members irrespective of sex. A Grand Lodge may require a greater number of applicants than five for the institution or revival of a Rebekah Lodge, and may require that not more than one-half of such applicants shall be Brothers.

Sec. 5. (Sec. 4.) The Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Secretary may institute Rebekah Lodges in any territory under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Sec. 6. (Sec. 2.) The Grand Lodges, subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, are hereby authorized and empowered to institute Rebekah Lodges at such places as they may deem proper, within their territorial limits.

Sec. 7. (Sec. 14.) Rebekah Lodges instituted in conformity with the foregoing sections shall possess the powers and enjoy the privileges following, subject to the rules, usages and general regulations of the Order applicable thereto, and to the provisions of constitutional and other laws enacted for their government by the Grand Body to which they are subordinate:

Sec. 8. (Sec. 15.) To confer the Degree of Rebekah on properly qualified applicants as hereinafter specified.

Sec. 9. (Sec. 16.) To elect and appoint their own officers in the manner prescribed by the Grand Body to which they are respectively subordinate, and by their own By-Laws. Service in office in a Subordinate Lodge shall not be a qualification for office in a Rebekah Lodge, and a past officer in a

Subordinate Lodge shall not be entitled by reason thereof to any special privilege in a Rebekah Lodge, other than wearing the collar of the highest rank attained.

Sec. 10. (Sec. 20.) To hold regular and special meetings as provided by the By-Laws.

Sec. 11. (Sec. 7.) To fix and establish dues, to be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, as the By-Laws may provide, and to provide by By-Law when those in arrears shall be suspended or dropped from the rights and privileges of membership.

Sec. 12. (Sec. 18.) To pay and disburse from the funds of the Lodge, for the relief of the sick, the destitute or the distressed, from time to time, as a majority of the members present shall by vote determine, or shall be otherwise provided by the By-Laws.

Sec. 13. (Sec. 19.) To establish such By-Laws and Rules of Order not inconsistent herewith, or with the rules, usages and general regulations of the Order, as they may deem proper, subject, however, to the approval of the Grand Body to which they are subordinate.

MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 14. (Sec. 9.) Rebekah Lodges shall confer the Degree on those persons only, who apply for membership therein. A person elected to membership in a Rebekah Lodge must receive the Degree in the Lodge in which he or she was elected. The right and duty of conferring this Degree cannot be transferred to another and different Lodge.

Sec. 15. (Sec. 6.) The persons herein specified (woman applicants being white women who have attained the age of 18 years), shall be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge of this Order, subject to the laws, relative to residence, of this Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction in which application is made:

1. All persons who have received the Degree of Rebekah and have not since become disqualified.

2. Odd Fellows in good standing who have attained the Third Degree, their wives, widowed mothers, unmarried daughters (including step-daughters and legally adopted daughters) and unmarried sisters (including half-sisters.

3. Widows, widowed mothers, unmarried daughters (including step-daughters and legally adopted daughters), and unmarried sisters (including half-sisters), of deceased Odd Fellows, who were in good standing at the time of death, though such Odd Fellows had not attained the Third Degree.

Sec. 16. A certificate of the Secretary (Recording) of the Subordinate Lodge of which the applicant is, or the near relative upon whom the applicant relies for eligibility to membership is, or was a member, with the Seal attached, certifying that the applicant is in good standing and has attained the Third Degree, or that such relation is, or was, at the time of death, in good standing, and if living that he has attained the Third Degree, shall accompany all applications for membership made to a Rebekah Lodge (except a Sister's application by deposit of an unexpired Withdrawal Card, or certificate that she has received the Degree in a Subordinate Lodge), and it is the duty of every Secretary to fill out and furnish such certificate, when the facts are as stated, upon application therefor.

Sec. 17. A Brother belonging to another Jurisdiction than that in which he resides, and women relatives of such Brother, wherever resident, eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge, may be admitted thereto in the Jurisdictions in which they respectively reside, upon complying with the law relative to furnishing a certificate of such Brother's good standing in a Subordinate Lodge.

Sec. 18. Women relatives of Odd Fellows who have lost eligibility to membership in a Rebekah Lodge by marriage to persons not members of the Order, who shall, by death of their husbands or other cause, become single women—the disability of coverture removed—shall thereby regain such eligibility, and can be admitted to membership in a Rebekah Lodge upon proper application and certificate, the fact of present or former relationship to a member of the Order, to be established in any way that shall satisfy the Lodge to which application is made.

Sec. 19. No woman shall be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge while she is the wife of a person not a member of this Order, except a Sister holding an unexpired Withdrawal Card; but a contributing member of a Rebekah Lodge shall not forfeit her membership by such marriage. A Sister suspended from membership for non-payment of dues or other cause, marrying a person not a member of the Order while so suspended, cannot be reinstated during the existence of such disability.

Sec. 20. A Brother or Sister who has received the Degree of Rebekah, and is otherwise eligible, but has never been a member of a Rebekah Lodge, upon furnishing a proper certificate or passing a satisfactory examination in the work of the Degree, may be admitted in the same manner and subject to the same requirements as an applicant for admission by deposit of Card. A former member of a Rebekah Lodge can be admitted only by such rules and usages as apply to Subordinate Lodges for that purpose.

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

Sec. 21. (Sec. 25.) The regalia and jewels to be worn in Rebekah Lodges by officers and members shall be as specified and described in the laws set forth in Sections 1215, 1217, 1218, 1219, 1220, and 1221, White's Digest, 1889 edition.

BENEFITS.

Sec. 22. Pecuniary and attentive benefits in Rebekah Lodges shall be as fixed by the Constitution and By-Laws, and the general laws relative thereto shall not apply to such Lodges.

Sec. 23. (Sec. 24.) All laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the foregoing Code are hereby repealed.

Rep. PINKERTON, of Massachusetts, by instruction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order consider the expediency of permitting a Grand Master of a State Jurisdiction to allow the request of another Jurisdiction to initiate in one of its Lodges a resident of the first named Jurisdiction, irrespective of the nearness of Lodges to the place of residence of the person desiring initiation.

Reps. COOK and PINKERTON, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider and report upon the sufficiency and legality of the following resolution, adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts:

"*Resolved*, That the present term of Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction shall extend to the first session of such Lodge, in April, 1896."

Rep. PINKERTON, of Massachusetts, by instruction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report whether or not it is legal for a Lodge to pay a member's wife for nursing him while he was sick, if its By-Laws do not prohibit such payment.

Reps. COOK and PINKERTON, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That Section 6 of the Code for the government of Rebekah Lodges be amended by substituting the following:

SEC. 6. The persons herein specified (women applicants being white women who have attained the age of 18 years) shall be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge of this Order, subject to the laws, relative to residence, of this Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction in which application is made:

1. All persons who have received the Degree of Rebekah and have not since become disqualified.

2. Odd Fellows in good standing who have attained the Third Degree, their wives, widowed mothers, unmarried daughters (including stepdaughters and legally adopted daughters) and unmarried sisters (including half sisters).

3. Widows, widowed mothers, unmarried daughters (including stepdaughters and legally adopted daughters) and unmarried sisters (including half sisters) of deceased Odd Fellows, who were in good standing at time of death, though such Odd Fellows had not attained the Third Degree.

Reps. COOK and PINKERTON, of Massachusetts, submitted certain resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, asking for the repeal of the law allowing unmarried women over eighteen years of age, regardless of relationship to Odd Fellows, to become members of the Rebekah Degree, etc., which were referred to the same committee.

Rep. DAVIS, of Michigan, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the laws for the government of Rebekah Lodges be amended as follows:

Amend Section 31 by inserting between the words "Vice-President" and "Secretary" the word "Warden."

Rep. ABERCROMBIE, of Missouri, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That on account of the service rendered this Grand Body and the Order at large by the full and complete report of the Proceedings of this Grand Body, that a sum equal to the per diem of a Representative be allowed the Official Reporter, M. F. DOUD, P. G., of Missouri.

Rep. ISZARD, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to procure a sufficient number of shields for the use of this Grand Lodge, and to be loaned to the different Jurisdictions, where the Sovereign Grand Lodge may convene, and be shipped by the Grand Secretary as other supplies are shipped, and that the sum of $200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for said purpose.

Reps. DOUGLASS and GASTER, of North Carolina, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of any Jurisdiction in which is located "An Orphan Home" for the children of deceased Odd Fellows, shall have power to compel Subordinate Lodges in said Jurisdiction to pay over to the Treasurer of such Orphan Home, such part of the "Widows and Orphans' Fund" as may appear to said Grand Lodge just and proper; in each case such funds so paid to be applied, primarily, to the support of the Orphan or Orphans of deceased Brothers, who were members of the Subordinate Lodge supplying said fund to the Treasurer aforesaid.

Rep. MOORE, of Oklahoma, moved the following, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS, At the session of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory, in October, 1893, the membership in the Jurisdiction was less than one thousand members in said Jurisdiction and entitled to but one Representative, which said Representative had been previously elected for a period of two years, consequently no election for Representative took place in October, 1893; and

WHEREAS, As shown by the Annual Report to this Grand Body for the year ending December 31, 1893, the membership of said Jurisdiction had increased to ten hundred and sixteen (1016) and in consequence said Jurisdiction of Oklahoma was called upon to pay and did pay a Representative tax of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150); and

WHEREAS, The depleted condition of our treasury would not justify the Grand Master in calling an extra session of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of electing an additional Representative; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of Oklahoma does not delegate the power to the Grand Master to fill the vacancy by appointment, we failed to have the requisite number of Representatives present at the last session of this Grand Body; and

WHEREAS, We were called upon to pay a Representative tax the same as though we were represented in full, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Body place to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, the sum of seventy-five dollars, the amount paid in excess of our representation.

The following reports were laid on the table under the rule:

No. 60. By Rep. BADLEY, of Idaho, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. MITCHELL and WHITE, of Washington, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That Section 6 of the Code for the government of Rebekah Lodges, be amended, by striking out the words, 'and their wives,' after the word 'standing,' in clause 2, also, by striking out the word 'unmarried,' after the word 'all,' in clause 3, so that the section as amended, shall read:

"Sec. 6. The persons herein specified shall be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge of this Order, subject to the laws, relative to residence, of this Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction in which application is made:

"1. All persons who have received the Degree of Rebekah.

"2. All Odd Fellows in good standing.

"3. All white women who have attained the age of eighteen years, who believe in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and who are of good moral character."

Beg leave to report as follows: That we have carefully considered the matter and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BADLEY, SAM. J. BAKER, JOHN TUCKER,
FRANCIS M. REA, F. M. HUFFAKER, O. C. WHITE,
M. B. WARD, M. S. CLAPP.

No. 61. By Rep. REED, of Quebec, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned members, a minority of the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. MITCHELL and WHITE, of Washington, seeking to make eligible to the Degree of Rebekah, women whose husbands are not members of the Order, beg leave to offer the following minority report:

Owing to the radical changes made in the qualifications for membership in this Degree, at the last session of this Grand Body, and also on account of the wide spread criticisms brought about by such changes, we deem any further legislation, in regard to the enlarging of the qualifications for this Degree, at this time, inadvisable. We believe that the opening of the doors of the Rebekah Degree to women, whose husbands are not members of the Order, would be a serious error, and would often be misconstrued to the detriment of such members, as well as the Order at large, and, therefore, recommend the following:

Resolved, That the resolution be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. REED, WILLIAM MUSSON, JOSEPH MANN.

No. 62. By Rep. LONGUEVILLE, of Iowa, from the Committee on the State of the Order.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MCCLURG, of Mississippi, in relation to a Memorial History, beg leave to report, that we have considered the same, and are of

opinion that the adoption of said resolution is at this time inexpedient, and that this Grand Body should not at this time undertake the publication of such a history as is contemplated by said resolution. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the subject of publishing a Memorial History be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Longueville, A. C. Cable, Stillwell H. Russell,
George W. Dilks, Wm. H. Iszard, N. C. Pettit,
W. L. Kuykendall, Leopold de Leeuw, J. G. Bloodworth,
Wm. W. Morris.

No. 63. By Rep. Waldo, of Colorado, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred decisions of Grand Sire, numbered 6 and 84, would report thereon as follows:

The report referred to by the Grand Sire (Journal of 1879, pp. 8,116, 8,117, adopted, p. 8,179), related to "charts, certificates, emblems, etc.," and the committee classified the particular chart before them "with the 'forms' exclusively the property of this Body," for which reason the publication thereof by individuals was prohibited. The exact resolution then adopted is as follows:

"That all the 'forms,' whether of chart, certificate, diploma or kindred forms published by this Grand Lodge, are exclusively the property of said Body, designed by it and necessary to its welfare and prosperity."

At that time, the law in regard to certificates to members of defunct Lodges (which is to be found in Section 175 of the Digest) expressly authorized the preparation and printing of such certificates by Grand Lodges, "until cards suited for the purpose are issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States" (now S. G. L.).

In 1892 (Journal, pages 13,168, 13,197), this Grand Lodge adopted a form and enacted "that hereafter no Grand Body nor its executives be permitted to have those certificates printed, except in the form prescribed by this Sovereign Grand Lodge." This exception carries with it a strong implication of power in Grand Bodies to print the prescribed form.

In 1893, Rep. Waldo, of Colorado, introduced a resolution requiring Grand Bodies to discontinue the printing of such certificates, which resolution this Grand Body refused to adopt; thereby further affirming the right of State, etc., Grand Bodies to print the same.

The committee, therefore, find ourselves unable, in view of the legislation above recited, to classify certificates to members of defunct Subordinates "with the forms, exclusively the property of this Body," hence we cannot concur with decision No. 84.

Up to the year 1885, this Grand Lodge never adopted any form for petitions for membership for any branch of the Order.

In that year (Journal, pp. 10,147, 10,188), this Grand Lodge adopted a form; and in 1886 (Journal, p. 10,252, decision 24, which was approved), it was decided not to be mandatory, but "left to the discretion of the several Grand Jurisdictions."

Therefore, while aware that this Grand Lodge prints and sells petition blanks to those desiring them, we are unable to classify these forms among those "exclusively the property of this Body," and we are, therefore, unable to concur with decision No. 6. We do not fail to note that the decision applies only to Rebekah Lodges, but this Body has never even

recommended a form for those Bodies, and there is less to support the decision than there would be in case of a Subordinate Lodge. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That decisions of the Grand Sire, numbered 6 and 84, be not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. WALDO, M. D. HERRING, E. D. HOGE,
MASSENA BULLARD, JAMES G. MAGUIRE, W. G. NYE,
R. E. WRIGHT, A. N. GAMBELL, J. B. FRIEDHEIM,
GEO. SHIRTS.

No. 64. By Rep. WALDO, of Colorado, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a question propounded by the Grand Master of Manitoba, would respectfully report, that this committee find ourselves prohibited, by Article XXIX. of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, from considering the question.

Under Article IV. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master has a right to propound his question to the Grand Sire, and the Grand Sire's decision would be reviewed by this Grand Lodge when reported by the Grand Sire. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the question above referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. WALDO, MASSENA BULLARD, W. G. NYE,
A. N. GAMBELL, GEO. SHIRTS, M. D. HERRING,
JAMES G. MAGUIRE, E. D. HOGE, R. E. WRIGHT,
J. B. FRIEDHEIM.

No. 65. By Rep. WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, further reporting upon the decisions of the Grand Sire referred to it, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decisions of the Grand Sire numbered 2, 88 and 90, be, and the same are hereby, approved. All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. WRIGHT, W. G. NYE, M. D. HERRING,
JAMES G. MAGUIRE, GEO. SHIRTS, E. D. HOGE,
A. N. GAMBELL, M. BULLARD, A. S. PINKERTON.

No. 66. By Rep. HERRING of Texas, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred question 21 and answer of the Grand Sire as follows:

"QUESTION 21. Under Section 6, sub-division 1, of the Rebekah Code, is a woman that is of mixed blood (Indian or Negro), who is the wife of an Odd Fellow in good standing, eligible to membership?

"*Answer.* No." Have considered the same and beg leave to report, that in Odd Fellowship the individuality of the wife is not merged into that of her husband, and that she is just as amenable to the general constitutional law of eligibility as is her husband.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire in the matter of the question and answer above stated be, and the same is hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. HERRING, GEO. SHIRTS, JAMES G. MAGUIRE,
E. D. HOGE, A. N. GAMBELL, R. E. WRIGHT,
MASSENA BULLARD.

No. 67. By Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the 77th decision of the Grand Sire, as follows:

"The general law does not permit a Lodge to remit dues. They must be paid." Have considered the same and beg leave to report, that the rulings heretofore made on this important question are somewhat conflicting, perplexing and unsatisfactory. Without reviewing and discussing them, while the finances of Subordinates are under their control, yet such control is limited by supreme law, and one of the ancient landmarks requires the payment of dues and, as correlative to such payment, that benefits shall be paid. To leave such a feature optional is simply revolutionary, 1875 Journal, 6560, 6591.

In order to emphasize this fundamental principle in approving the decision of the Grand Sire, your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the general law does not permit a Lodge to remit dues. Their payment is a condition precedent to good standing and benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. HERRING, W. G. NYE, R. E. WRIGHT,
CHAS. E. WALDO, A. N. GAMBELL, E. D. HOGE,
MASSENA BULLARD.

No. 68. By Rep. ROBINSON, of Maine, from the Committee on Legislation:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. ALLAN, of the District of Columbia, which reads as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the law passed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1869, and noted in Section 1747 of White's Digest (1889), permitting the Noble Grand of a Lodge, the proper custodian of the Charge Books, to entrust said Charge Books to his subordinate officers, for the purpose of qualification, while in the Lodge-room, be amended, so as to extend the same privilege to any member in good standing of the Degree of Truth."

Beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject, and, inasmuch as said resolution, as offered, is not in proper form, we recommend in lieu thereof the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the law found in Section 1747 of White's Digest (edition of 1889), be, and the same hereby is, amended, by inserting after the word

"officers" in sixth line thereof, the words, "or to any member in good standing of the Degree of Truth," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

It is unlawful for the Charge Books, or others containing or relating to the Secret Work of the Order, to be taken from the Lodge-room. The N. G. of a Lodge, being the proper custodian of such books, may intrust them to his subordinate officers, or to any member in good standing of the Degree of Truth, for the purpose of qualification, while in the Lodge-room. The laws of the Order prohibit the writing of the initiatory charges, as well as all other parts of the Secret Work. The law does not permit the Rituals being taken from the Lodge-room, but if they can be bound in the Lodge-room, there can be no objection, provided the binder is a member of the Order, who has the entire Work of the particular Ritual to be bound.

Respectfully submitted,

REUEL ROBINSON,	JOHN L. NOLEN,	WALTER E. CARLIN,
J. J. THOMAS,	JOHN DONOGH,	R. M. ABERCROMBIE,
H. E. PARKER,	MONROE MCCLURG,	WILL H. TALBOTT,
I. N. ROGERS,	FRANK B. WILLIS.	

No. 69. By Rep. MACK, of Nevada, from the Committee on Constitutions:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amendments to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Lodge of California have examined the same and find that they were approved by the Grand Sire during the recess of this Grand Body. We believe said approval by the Grand Sire is correct; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire in approving the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. MACK,	P. J. TRUMPLER,	HENRY J. ATEN,
GEO. L. DAVIS,	CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,	FRED. SCHNAUBER,
T. W. WILEY,	J. F. THOMPSON,	J. N. MUNSELL,
N. A. MORFORD,	JAMES WELCH.	

No. 70. By Rep. WILEY, of Texas, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of Utah, respectfully recommend that the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. WILEY,	J. N. MUNSELL,	C. E. MACK,
CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,	GEO. L. DAVIS,	N. A. MORFORD,
J. F. THOMPSON,	FRED. SCHNAUBER,	P. J. TRUMPLER,
JAMES WELCH,	HENRY J. ATEN.	

No. 71. By Rep. BROWNLEE, of Louisiana, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the By-Laws of Coalgate Encampment, No. 6, Coalgate, Indian Territory, respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the same, and can find nothing contained therein which conflicts with the Constitution and laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the By-Laws of Coalgate Encampment, No. 6, Coalgate, Indian Territory, be, and they are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,	C. E. MACK,	J. N. MUNSELL,
P. J. TRUMPLER,	FRED. SCHNAUBER,	T. W. WILEY,
GEO. L. DAVIS,	J. F. THOMPSON,	N. A. MORFORD,
JAMES WELCH,	HENRY J. ATEN.	

No. 72. By Rep. BROWNLEE, of Louisiana, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Patriarchs Militant Department Council of Pennsylvania, respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the same and find nothing therein contained, in conflict with the Constitution or laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the laws regulating the Patriarchs Militant. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Patriarchs Militant Department Council of Pennsylvania, be, and the same is hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,	J. N. MUNSELL,	P. J. TRUMPLER,
FRED. SCHNAUBER,	C. E. MACK,	T. W. WILEY,
GEORGE L. DAVIS,	J. F. THOMPSON,	N. A. MORFORD,
JAMES WELCH,	HENRY J. ATEN.	

No. 73. By Rep. BROWNLEE, of Louisiana, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred a Code of Laws, adopted by the Department Council of Missouri, Patriarchs Militant, for the government of this branch of the Order in that State, have carefully examined said Code of Laws and find that they contain nothing which conflicts with the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the laws regulating the Patriarchs Militant branch of the Order. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Code of Laws of the Department Council, Patriarchs Militant of the State of Missouri be, and are hereby, approved,

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,	J. N. MUNSELL,	P. J. TRUMPLER,
C. E. MACK,	T. W. WILEY,	GEO. L. DAVIS,
J. F. THOMPSON,	N. A. MORFORD,	FRED. SCHNAUBER,
JAMES WELCH,	HENRY J. ATEN.	

No. 74. By Rep. BROWNLEE, of Louisiana, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Code of By-Laws of the Department Council, Patriarchs Militant of the State of New York, would most respectfully report, that we cannot find, nor have we in our possession any copy of said Code of By-Laws referred to, and consequently can make no report thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. BROWNLEE, C. E. MACK, J. N. MUNSELL,
HENRY J. ATEN, N. A. MORFORD, P. J. TRUMPLER,
FRED. SCHNAUBER, GEO. L. DAVIS, JAMES WELCH,
J. F. THOMPSON, T. W. WILEY.

No. 75. By Rep. THOMPSON, of California, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred, the By-Laws of Suecia Encampment, No. 1, of Sweden, have examined the same and find in them nothing which conflicts with the laws of the Order and, therefore, respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, That the By-Laws of Suecia Encampment, No. 1, of Sweden, be, and the same are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. THOMPSON, J. N. MUNSELL, P. J. TRUMPLER,
JAMES WELCH, GEO. L. DAVIS, N. A. MORFORD,
FRED. SCHNAUBER, T. W. WILEY, CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,
HENRY J. ATEN, C. E. MACK.

No. 76. By Rep. TRUMPLER, of Rhode Island, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and the revised new Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the same, and find nothing therein conflicting with the laws of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. They, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the same be, and are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. TRUMPLER, C. E. MACK, CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,
T. W. WILEY, GEO. L. DAVIS, J. F. THOMPSON,
J. N. MUNSELL, N. A. MORFORD, FRED. SCHNAUBER,
JAMES WELCH, HENRY J. ATEN.

No. 77. By Rep. THOMPSON, of California, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amended By-Laws of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, which had been approved by the Grand Sire, have examined the same and find in them nothing which conflicts with the laws of the Order, and, therefore, recommend that the action of the Grand Sire in approving the amended By-Laws of the said Polynesia Encampment be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. THOMPSON, P. J. TRUMPLER, CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,
GEO. L. DAVIS, FRED. SCHNAUBER, J. N. MUNSELL,
JAMES WELCH, N. A. MORFORD, C. E. MACK,
HENRY J. ATEN, T. W. WILEY.

No. 78. By Rep. THOMPSON, of California, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amendments to the By-Laws of Raton Encampment, No. 5, of New Mexico, as corrected by direction of Grand Sire STEBBINS, have duly examined and considered the same, and respectfully offer the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the By-Laws of Raton Encampment, No. 5, of New Mexico, as approved by the Grand Sire, and corrected by his direction be, and the same are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. THOMPSON, JAMES WELCH, P. J. TRUMPLER,
N. A. MORFORD, GEO. L. DAVIS, FRED. SCHNAUBER,
CHAS. H. BROWNLEE, T. W. WILEY, J. N. MUNSELL,
HENRY J. ATEN.

No. 79. By Rep. ATEN, of Kansas, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, the same having been approved by Grand Sire STEBBINS, have carefully examined the same and offer the following:

Resolved, That the same be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. ATEN, C. E. MACK, P. J. TRUMPLER,
CHAS. H. BROWNLEE, T. W. WILEY, GEO. L. DAVIS,
J. F. THOMPSON, J. N. MUNSELL, N. A. MORFORD,
FRED. SCHNAUBER, JAMES WELCH.

No. 80. By Rep. WILEY, of Texas, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Iowa, recommend that the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. WILEY, J. N. MUNSELL, C. E. MACK,
CHAS. H. BROWNLEE, GEO. L. DAVIS, N. A. MORFORD,
HENRY J. ATEN, FRED. SCHNAUBER, J. F. THOMPSON,
JAMES WELCH, P. J. TRUMPLER.

No. 81. By Rep. TRUMPLER, of Rhode Island, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Department Council, Patriarchs Militant, of New Hampshire, report, that they have examined the same, and recommend its approval, as corrected by the Grand Sire.

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. TRUMPLER,	C. E. MACK,	CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,
HENRY J. ATEN,	JAMES WELCH,	GEO. L. DAVIS,
N. A. MORFORD,	J. N. MUNSELL,	FRED. SCHNAUBER,
HENRY J. ATEN,	J. F. THOMPSON,	

No. 82. By Rep. SCHNAUBER, of South Dakota, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, have examined the same and recommend, that it be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. SCHNAUBER,	C. E. MACK,	HENRY J. ATEN,
T. W. WILEY,	GEORGE L. DAVIS,	J. F. THOMPSON,
P. J. TRUMPLER,	J. N. MUNSELL,	CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,
N. A. MORFORD,	JAMES WELCH.	

No. 83. By Rep. MUNSELL, of Missouri, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the action of the Grand Sire in approviug the By-Laws of Wasa Encampment, No. 2, of Stockholm, Sweden, report, that they have carefully examined the said By-Laws, and would recommend that the action of the Grand Sire be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. MUNSELL,	C. E. MACK,	T. W. WILEY,
GEO. L. DAVIS,	HENRY J. ATEN,	J. F. THOMPSON,
P. J. TRUMPLER,	CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,	N. A. MORFORD,
FRED. SCHNAUBER,	JAMES WELCH.	

No. 84. By Rep. DAVIS, of Michigan, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amended By-Laws of Friendship Lodge, No. 7, of Alberta, as approved by the Grand Sire, have examined the same, and recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the said By-Laws be, and the same are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. L. DAVIS,	J. N. MUNSELL,	C. E. MACK,
CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,	T. W. WILEY,	N. A. MORFORD,
HENRY J. ATEN,	FRED. SCHNAUBER,	J. F. THOMPSON,
JAMES WELCH,	P. J. TRUMPLER.	

No. 85. By Rep. MUNSELL, of Missouri, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, have carefully considered the same and recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the said amended Constitution referred to this committee, be, and the same is hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. MUNSELL, CHAS. H. BROWNLEE, C. E. MACK,
T. W. WILEY, GEO. L. DAVIS, HENRY J. ATEN,
P. J. TRUMPLER, N. A. MORFORD, FRED. SCHNAUBER,
JAMES WELCH.

No. 86. By Rep. MUNSELL, of Missouri, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, report, that they have carefully examined the said amendments and recommend the approval thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. MUNSELL, C. E. MACK, GEORGE L. DAVIS,
T. W. WILEY, HENRY J. ATEN, J. F. THOMPSON,
P. J. TRUMPLER, CHAS. H. BROWNLEE, N. A. MORFORD,
FRED. SCHNAUBER, JAMES WELCH.

No. 87. By Rep. MUNSELL, of Missouri, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, have carefully examined the same and recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the said amended Constitution be, and the same is hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. MUNSELL, CHAS. H. BROWNLEE, C. E. MACK,
T. W. WILEY, GEO. L. DAVIS, HENRY J. ATEN,
J. F. THOMPSON, P. J. TRUMPLER, N. A. MORFORD,
FRED. SCHNAUBER, JAMES WELCH.

No. 88. By Rep. ATEN, of Kansas, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom the amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, were referred, have examined the same, and finding nothing therein conflicting with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, submit the following:

Resolved, That the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. ATEN, C. E. MACK, P. J. TRUMPLER,
CHAS. H. BROWNLEE, T. W. WILEY, GEO. L. DAVIS,
J. F. THOMPSON, J. N. MUNSELL, N. A. MORFORD,
FRED. SCHNAUBER, JAMES WELCH.

No. 89. By Rep. SCHNAUBER, of South Dakota, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Sweden, approved by the Grand Sire, recommend that the said approval be concurred in by this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. SCHNAUBER, C. E. MACK, HENRY J. ATEN,
T. W. WILEY, GEO. L. DAVIS, J. F. THOMPSON,
P. J. TRUMPLER, J. N. MUNSELL, CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,
N. A. MORFORD, JAMES WELCH.

No. 90. By Rep. BROWNLEE, of Louisiana, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, would respectfully report, that we have carefully considered the same and can find no conflict in the laws of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, except, that we disapprove the amendment to Section 2 of Article II., for the reason that it has been a settled question with this Sovereign Grand Lodge: "That all amendments to Grand Lodge Constitutions must be acted upon at the subsequent session as presented at the preceding session of a Grand Lodge."

Your committee, in reporting on these amendments, as we do, are borne out in our conclusions by the action of the Grand Sire, when these amendments were submitted to him, by said Grand Lodge of Colorado. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado be, and is hereby, approved, except Section 2 of Article II., which is disapproved.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. BROWNLEE, J. N. MUNSELL, C. E. MACK,
FRED. SCHNAUBER, P. J. TRUMPLER, J. F. THOMPSON,
HENRY J. ATEN, JAMES WELCH, GEO. L. DAVIS,
T. W. WILEY, N. A. MORFORD.

No. 91. By Rep. MORFORD, of Arizona, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Washington, have examined the same and report, that they find nothing therein in contravention of the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge or of the principles of the Order, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington, offered for consideration at the present session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. MORFORD, P. J. TRUMPLER, GEO. L. DAVIS,
JAMES WELCH, J. N. MUNSELL, C. E. MACK,
FRED. SCHNAUBER, CHAS. H. BROWNLEE, HENRY J. ATEN,
T. W. WILEY, J. F. THOMPSON.

No. 92. By Rep. WELCH, of Delaware, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, have carefully examined the same and offer the following:

Resolved, That so much of the same as approved by the Grand Sire be hereby approved.

Resolved, further, That the objection of the Grand Sire to the amendment to Section 24 be concurred in, and that the same be not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WELCH, C. E. MACK, CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,
P. J. TRUMPLER, HENRY J. ATEN, GEO. L. DAVIS,
N. A. MORFORD, J. N. MUNSELL, FRED. SCHNAUBER,
J. F. THOMPSON, T. W. WILEY.

No. 93. By Rep. LEEDY, of Indiana, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. WHITEHURST, of Virginia, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the word 'three' in the second line of Section 5, Revised Code of Laws for the Government of the Patriarchs Militant, be stricken out and the word 'two' inserted in lieu thereof, so that the same will read, "A Battalion shall consist of not less than two, nor more than five Cantons," etc.

Beg leave to report, that the substance of said resolution is embodied in another report of this committee, and we, therefore, ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. LEEDY, J. FRANK GRANT, J. G. AYDELOTT,
E. B. COMLY, T. T. PARSON, W. H. MARIGOLD,
JAMES YOUNG, T. W. JOLLIFFE.

No. 94. By Rep. YOUNG, of Maryland, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred the request of the Department of New York, presented by Reps. DILCHER and WHITLOCK, asking for the amendment of Section 127 of the Code for the government of the Patriarchs Militant, would respectfully report: That the matter having already been considered by the committee, and action had thereon, beg leave to offer the following:

Resolved, That they be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES YOUNG, W. H. MARIGOLD, J. FRANK GRANT,
J. G. AYDELOTT, JACOB STERN, T. T. PARSON.
THOS. W. JOLLIFFE, W. H. LEEDY.

No. 95. By Rep. YOUNG, of Maryland, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MORFORD, of Arizona, for a revision of the P. M. Ritual, to make the same uniform with the Encampment Ritual as now published, would respectfully report:

That the subject matter contained in the resolution has been provided for in a previous report from this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES YOUNG, W. H. MARIGOLD, J. FRANK GRANT,
J. G. AYDELOTT, JACOB STERN, W. H. LEEDY,
T. T. PARSON, T. W. JOLLIFFE.

No. 96. By Rep. CONWAY, of Illinois, from the Committee on Finance:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report, together with the correspondence of Past Grand Sire JOHN H. WHITE, relative to a revision and printing of a Digest of the laws of this Grand Body, report, that they have had the matter under advisement and believing that separate appropriations should be made in order that the work might be more satisfactorily accomplished, offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of $2,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the printing and binding of two thousand copies of the Digest when compiled, and the sum of $1,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to defray all necessary expenses in compiling, revising and indexing the Digest ready for the printer; and

Resolved, further, That the appropriation of $2,000, made at the session of 1894, for the purpose of compiling and printing the Digest, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; also, be it

Resolved, That Grand Sire JOHN W. STEBBINS, who has during the past year, given so much attention to the matter of revising and printing a new Digest, be, and he is hereby, requested to continue his careful supervision of the revising, compiling and printing the Digest, until the same is completed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. CONWAY, CHAS. J. BROWN, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
FRANKLIN RINGLER, BENJ. BREMNER, HOWARD LANKESTER,
WILLIAM H. COX, GEORGE N. NUTT, F. A. STIER,
JNO. M. JONES, F. B. BRYANT.

No. 97. By Rep. WALLER, of British Columbia, from the Committee on Correspondence:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Correspondence, beg to report, that we find the volume of business transacted by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary is rapidly increasing year by year, as the membership of the Order increases and its borders extend.

We also find that almost the whole of this vast correspondence has been referred to the various committees for their deliberations, thus leaving very little for this committee to do.

We take very great pleasure indeed, in attesting our high appreciation of the valuable services rendered to this Grand Body by the above named officers in so promptly and ably replying to the immense correspondence coming into their hands, and all honor is due them.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Waller,	H. J. Ellard,	W. H. Wells,
E. T. Lee,	H. O. Wood,	E. F. Bodle,
D. E. McKinnon,	O. A. Marden,	T. M. Holden,
H. C. Farrar,	Thos. Pearson.	

No. 98. By Rep. Morford, of Arizona, from the Committee on Constitutions:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, respectfully report that, they have examined the same, it being an addition to Article III., to be known as Section 9, and have found nothing therein conflicting with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge or the fundamental principles of Odd Fellowship, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, as presented at the present session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. Morford,	J. N. Munsell,	Fred. Schnauber,
Henry J. Aten,	James Welch,	Chas. H. Brownlee,
C. E. Mack,	T. W. Wiley,	J. F. Thompson,
Geo. L. Davis,	P. J. Trumpler.	

No. 99. By Rep. Pascoe, of Montana, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, respectfully submit the following as their report:

All Jurisdictions subordinate to this Sovereign Grand Lodge are represented at this session.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. Pascoe,	W. C. Douglass,	Joseph Leach,
Chas. A. Newman,	S. S. Merick,	J. W. Johnston,
J. E. C. Farnham,	Geo. A. Bailey,	J. C. Oates,
L. C. Parker,	S. M. Moore.	

No. 100. By Rep. Grant, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant have had under consideration the resolution offered by Rep. Merriman, of Massachusetts, proposing an amendment to Section 7 of the P. M. Code, having included the subject matter of the said resolution in another report, we ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Frank Grant,	James Young,	J. G. Aydelott,
T. T. Parson,	Jacob Stern,	Wm. H. Marigold,
W. H. Leedy,	E. B. Comly,	T. W. Jolliffe.

No. 101. By Rep. PARKER, of Vermont, from the Committee on Legislation:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. THOMAS, of Utah, which is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That a Special Committee of Five be appointed to revise the present Anniversary Ceremony," have considered the same and offer the following:

Resolved, That the resolution of Rep. THOMAS be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. PARKER, J. L. NOLEN, R. M. ABERCROMBIE,
J. J. THOMAS, JOHN DONOGH, MONROE MCCLURG,
W. H. TALBOTT, I. N. ROGERS, F. B. WILLIS,
R. ROBINSON.

No. 102. By Rep. DONOGH, of Ontario, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. HUMPHREY, of Illinois, which reads as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the resolution of Rep. CONWAY, of Illinois, on the subject of minimum dues, presented at last session, and laid over for one year, be referred to the Committee on Legislation."

Beg leave to report as follows: The resolution of Rep. CONWAY is found on page 14,020, Journal of Proceedings 1894, and reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, The payment of weekly benefits to sick and disabled members is a fundamental principle of our Order; and

"WHEREAS, The object for which weekly benefits are paid is the relief of distress incident to such sickness or disability; and

"WHEREAS, Under the present laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a minimum sum of $2.00 per week for the first year, and $1.00 per week thereafter, is made the foundation for the regulation of the benefit system in Subordinate Lodges; and

"WHEREAS, A much larger percentage of members is paid benefits for periods of three weeks, and less, than those who are paid benefits for periods in excess of that time, the exact figures in the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois for the six months ending March 31st, 1894, being: Number of Brothers paid three weeks' benefits, and under, during a continuous sickness, 2,341. Number of Brothers paid benefits for over three weeks' continuous sickness, 1,012; and

"WHEREAS, Subordinate Lodges, being governed by the enactment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge regulating minimum benefits, are largely influenced in the direction of paying a larger weekly benefit for the first few months' sickness, reducing the same thereafter (in many instances to the minimum); and

"WHEREAS, The effect of such a system is that the longer a member is unable to provide for himself and family, the less his weekly benefits become; in other words, the greater his necessity, the less his relief; while, on the other hand, the member who is only disabled for one, two, or three weeks, and consequently should not be in need of pecuniary relief, is made the recipient of the very benefits that should be held in the treasury for

his less fortunate Brother, who may be laid up for many months, and even years; and

"WHEREAS, The question of dues and benefits (looking to a sound financial policy), for the protection of our Subordinate Lodge treasuries, is one that has caused much serious discussion and legislation by this Grand Body, as well as by the various Grand and Subordinate Lodges; and

"WHEREAS, A solution of the whole problem may be found in Subordinate Lodges paying a minimum weekly benefit for the first three or four weeks' continuous sickness (which may be considered largely in the light of accident insurance, rather than the relief of a Brother in distress), and thus accumulate in the Lodge treasury, sufficient funds to at all times properly care for Brothers during any long continued illness, the latter being one of the most sacred obligations imposed upon the Brotherhood. Therefore, for the purpose of suggesting legislation in the above direction, in both Grand and Subordinate Lodges, be it

"*Resolved*, That Subordinate Lodges of the Order may not pay any benefits for the first week, and that a minimum benefit of $1.00 per week shall be paid, commencing with the second week's sickness, during a period of six weeks' continuous sickness, and a minimum benefit of $2.00 per week thereafter during the continuance of such sickness."

Your committee having given careful consideration to the subject matter of this resolution, are of the opinion that inasmuch as the proposed legislation involves a question of great importance and deserving of the most serious consideration, it should not be acted upon at the present session.

We, therefore, recommend that the Grand Representatives be requested to report to their respective Jurisdictions the subject matter of the preambles and resolution and seek their expression of opinion upon the same.

We also recommend, that the said resolution be laid over, for consideration at the next annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DONOGH, JOHN L. NOLEN, J. J. THOMAS,
R. M. ABERCROMBIE, H. E. PARKER, M. MCCLURG,
W. H. TALBOTT, I. N. ROGERS, F. B. WILLIS,
REUEL ROBINSON.

No. 103. By Rep. DONOGH, of Ontario, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MACK, of Nevada, which is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That each Grand Jurisdiction may provide for the admission into its Subordinate Lodges of members of a defunct Lodge," beg leave to report, that as the existing law makes ample provision for the admission of members of defunct Lodges, the proposed legislation is unnecessary and the committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DONOGH, M. MCCLURG, JOHN L. NOLEN,
W. H. TALBOTT, J. J. THOMAS, I. N. ROGERS,
R. M. ABERCROMBIE, F. B. WILLIS, H. E. PARKER,
REUEL ROBINSON.

No. 104. By Rep. NYE, of Minnesota, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary have considered the decisions of the Grand Sire upon the Patriarchs Militant Code and recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That decisions of the Grand Sire numbered 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, and 60, be, and the same are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. NYE, M. D. HERRING, CHAS. E. WALDO,
R. E. WRIGHT, J. B. FRIEDHEIM, E. D. HOGE,
A. S. PINKERTON, A. N. GAMBELL, JAMES G. MAGUIRE,
GEO. SHIRTS.

No. 105. By Rep. NYE, of Minnesota, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary have fully considered decision No. 1, of the Grand Sire, and respectfully recommend that said decision be approved. While it might appear that the decision is not in harmony with a parenthetical clause of the Rebekah Ritual, which specifies the officers who may deliver the P. N. G. charge, your committee find that such clause is not a part of the Ritual, but merely a decision of this Sovereign Grand Lodge inserted therein for instruction of Lodges and was, therefore, repealed by Section 34 of the Rebekah Code.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. NYE, CHAS. E. WALDO, J. B. FRIEDHEIM,
A. S. PINKERTON, M. D. HERRING, R. E. WRIGHT,
E. D. HOGE, A. N. GAMBELL, JAMES G. MAGUIRE.

No. 106. By Rep. WALDO, of Colorado, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, would report as follows:

On page 14,242 of the Grand Sire's report, we find a reference to the fact that the Code of 1894 fixes the price of Commissions to Aids on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief at seven dollars, while Commissions for Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels are fixed at a lower rate; which reference is followed by the following words:

"I have held that the Commission of every officer, elected or Staff, should be the same, and graded by the rank the office gives him."

In this conclusion we cannot concur. This Grand Lodge has distinctly, and without ambiguity, enacted that the Staff Officers shall pay a higher price, possibly deeming it best that favor should be shown to those whose rank is earned by service and by election, over those who gain rank by appointment; and it is not within the power of any judicial authority to repeal that law, however desirable such repeal may be.

This committee also finds it impossible to concur in the decision which is numbered 56. We see no incongruity between an enactment in Section 7, that the Commander of a Division shall be a Major-General and another enactment in Section 8, that a Department Commander, where there are two Brigades in his Department, shall also be a Major-General, or hold any other rank one grade above that held by his highest subordinate. The idea, now embodied in Section 8, that where there were in a Department two or more Bodies of equal rank, the elected Department Commander should advance one grade in rank, was proposed in 1893, and was stricken out and the words "the senior officer" were inserted where they now appear in Section. 7. But the principle of advancing the Department Commander one grade in rank above the officers he was to command, was enacted into law in 1894, and this committee can see no propriety in annulling this legislation. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the decisions above mentioned be not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. WALDO,	J. B. FRIEDHEIM,	W. G. NYE,
E. D. HOGE,	M. D. HERRING,	R. E. WRIGHT,
A. S. PINKERTON.	A. N. GAMBELL,	JAMES G. MAGUIRE.

No. 107. By Rep. BADLEY, of Idaho, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. DILKS and STERN of New York, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That Section 19 of the Code, for the government of Rebekah Lodges, be amended by adding the following to said Section 19, viz.:

"A Lodge may pay stated benefits or not, as its By-Laws may provide."

Beg leave to report, that we deem the same inexpedient and recommend that it be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BADLEY,	FRANCIS M. REA,	O. C. WHITE,
MILO S. CLAPP,	F. M. HUFFAKER,	SAM. J. BAKER,
JOHN J. REED,	JOHN TUCKER,	JOSEPH MANN,
M. B. WARD,	W. MUSSON.	

No. 108. By. Rep. BADLEY, of Idaho, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. FARNHAM and TRUMPLER, of Rhode Island, asking that paragraph 3 of Section 6 of the Rebekah Code be stricken out, report, that we do not deem it advisable to make such change, and recommend that the same be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BADLEY,	FRANCIS M. REA,	O. C. WHITE,
MILO S. CLAPP,	F. M. HUFFAKER,	SAM. J. BAKER,
JOHN J. REED,	JOHN TUCKER,	JOSEPH MANN,
M. B. WARD,	W. MUSSON.	

No. 109. By Rep. BAKER, of Illinois, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, have considered the resolution of Reps. GRANT and COX, of Kentucky, to wit:

"Amend Section 17 of the laws for the government of Rebekah Lodges, so that the same, when amended, shall read as follows:

"Sec. 17. To fix and establish initiation fees and dues to be paid at such time and in such manner as the Constitution or By-Laws may provide, and to provide by By-Laws when those in arrears shall be suspended from the rights and privileges of membership.

"To provide by By-Laws, subject to the approval of the Grand Bodies to which they are subordinate, for the payment of weekly benefits, in case of sickness or disability among the members, and for the payment of funeral expenses," and recommend that it be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM. J. BAKER,	W. S. BADLEY,	FRANCIS M. REA,
O. C. WHITE,	M. S. CLAPP,	F. M. HUFFAKER,
JOHN J. REED,	JOHN TUCKER,	JOSEPH MANN,
M. B. WARD,	W. MUSSON.	

No. 110. By Rep. BAKER, of Illinois, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the preamble and resolution of Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania, touching the matter of payment of a funeral benefit in Rebekah Lodges, to wit:

"WHEREAS, In the adoption of the new Code for Rebekah Lodges, last September, it was the understanding that the Rebekah Lodges should no longer be allowed to pay weekly benefits; that they should become purely charitable organizations and might give or donate to those sick or needy. But in the right to pay funeral benefits, there has been considerable difference of opinion and, therefore, to settle that matter definitely, be it

"*Resolved*, That upon the death of a member of a Rebekah Lodge, there shall be paid a certain sum of money, the minimum of which shall be prescribed in the Rebekah Constitution of the State for the payment of funeral expenses; that the same shall be realized by a pro rata assessment upon all members." Would report, that they have considered the same, and recommend that it be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM. J. BAKER,	J. TUCKER,	W. S. BADLEY,
F. M. HUFFAKER,	W. MUSSON,	JOSEPH MANN,
O. C. WHITE,	M. B. WARD,	JOHN J. REED.

No. 111. By Rep. BAKER, of Illinois, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the preambles and resolution, of Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania, as follows:

"WHEREAS, The payment of weekly benefits in the Rebekah Lodges is no longer recognized by the Code of Laws adopted at the last annual session, and

"WHEREAS, The Cards issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge contain an endorsement upon the back allowing for weekly benefits; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That the matter in relation to benefits be no longer printed on the back of the Cards of Rebekah Lodges," have considered the same and offer the following:

Resolved, That we concur in the resolution and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM. J. BAKER,	JOHN J. REED,	FRANCIS M. REA,
J. TUCKER,	M. S. CLAPP,	F. M. HUFFAKER,
W. S. BADLEY,	M. B. WARD,	O. C. WHITE,
JOSEPH MANN,	WM. MUSSON.	

No. 112. By Rep. WATSON, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on the State of the Order:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. THOMAS, of Utah, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That hereafter, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to communicate with all passenger associations, at least 90 days prior to the meeting of each Annual Session, informing them when such session will be held, and at what place, and requesting special railroad rates for such meeting.

"The Grand Secretary, at least 30 days before the date of meeting, shall notify each officer, Representative and Past Grand Sire, what rate has been secured; provided, that in giving such information no official route shall be named."

Beg leave to report that we have duly considered the resolution and offer the following:

Resolved, That the resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WATSON,	W. L. KUYKENDALL,	LEOPOLD DE LEEUW,
GEORGE W. DILKS,	WM. W. MORRIS,	N. C. PETTIT,
WM. H. ISZARD,	S. H. RUSSELL,	A. C. CABLE,
J. C. LONGUEVILLE,	J. G. BLOODWORTH.	

No. 113. By Rep. GRASSMANN, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, in conformity with a recommendation from Brother H. BLOCK, S. D. Grand Sire for Europe, recommend that memorial pages be inserted in the Revised Journal in memory of the deaths of Brother JOH. GRABER, Deputy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, and Brother WILHELM SENN, N. G. of St. Jacob's Lodge at Basel, Switzerland.

Brother W. SENN, we are informed by Brother BLOCK, was born in 1845, died August 22d, 1895. He was one of the kindest men, a teacher and a writer of repute and a member for 19 years.

Resolved, That suitable memorial pages shall be inserted in the Revised Journal of this session in honor of the above named Brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUST GRASSMANN,	A. H. BLACKEBY,	W. J. ROCHE,
J. L. JORGENSEN,	DAVID L. SANDERS,	H. STEUERNAGEL,
I. D. BLUMENTHAL,	A. G. BETHARD,	A. G. RICKS,
WM. SCHOTT,	R. W. RICH.	

No. 114. By Rep. BULLARD, of Montana, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary have considered decision numbered 8, of the Grand Sire, to wit:

"8. QUESTION. Under the Rebekah Code (Section 12) is a member who has served in an elective, but never in an appointive office, eligible to an elective office?

"*Answer.* According to the wording of that section, it would seem to exclude all, after the first term, from eligibility to an elective office, who had not previously filled an appointive office; that, however, can hardly have been the intention of the section, since service in an elective office is a better qualification for promotion than in an appointive. It being of higher rank, and the greater always includes the less, I decide that such a member is eligible." Your committee report thereon as follows:

It cannot be seriously questioned that the Sovereign Grand Lodge has the power to make prior service in an appointive office a pre-requisite to service in an elective office. This it has done by the employment in Section 12, of the new Rebekah Code, of language that is too plain to call for a construction. That language, so far as it relates to the question under consideration, is as follows:

"Sec. 12. No member shall be eligible to the chair of Noble Grand, unless such member shall have served a regular term as Vice Grand. No person shall be eligible to an elective office, after the first term, unless previous service is shown in an appointive office."

Under the foregoing provisions of the law, previous service in an appointive office is made the sole qualification for eligibility as to each elective office of a Rebekah Lodge, except the office of Noble Grand. The provision may be, and in the opinion of your committee is, unwise. If it is unwise it should be corrected by legislation and not nullified by a construction which has the effect of writing another and different provision in lieu thereof.

Because of the foregoing considerations, your committee are unable to concur in the decision of the Grand Sire, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That decision numbered 8 of the Grand Sire be not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

MASSENA BULLARD,	R. E. WRIGHT,	CHAS. E. WALDO,
M. D. HERRING,	W. G. NYE,	A. S. PINKERTON.

No. 115. By Rep. ROGERS, of Colorado, from the Committee on Legislation:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. WELLS and LANKESTER, of Minnesota, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the last clause of Article XXII. of the By-Laws of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended, by adding thereto after the words 'to wear,' the following: 'Provided, that Grand Bodies may adopt a badge of uniform size and design, the color to conform with existing regulations.' The clause as amended to read as follows: 'At sessions of Grand Bodies, in lieu of any regalia hereinbefore described, a ribbon may be worn, of the color of the highest Degree the member has attained, having attached thereto

any jewel which he is entitled or required to wear; provided, that Grand Bodies may adopt a badge of uniform size and design, the color to conform with existing regulations.'"

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. Rogers,	H. E. Parker,	John L. Nolen,
Frank B. Willis,	W. E. Carlin,	R. M. Abercrombie,
John Donogh,	Monroe McClurg,	J. J. Thomas,
Reuel Robinson,	Will H. Talbott.	

No. 116. By Rep. Watson, of Florida, from the Committee on Petitions:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Waldo, of Colorado, setting forth the loss or destruction of the original Charter issued to the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and asking that a duplicate Charter be issued without cost to that Grand Body, would respectfully report that we find sufficient evidence to support the fact of the loss of the original Charter and would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, instructed to issue, without cost, a duplicate Charter to the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas C. Watson,	T. D. L. Manville,	Alex. Rogers,
Geo. A. Gilpatric,	H. C. Weaver,	H. H. Heineman,
L. J. Byer,	Jos. E. Phillips,	Geo. W. Godman,
N. E. Whitehurst,	Ben. Bingham.	

No. 117. By Rep. Heineman, of Michigan, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions would respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the resolution of Reps. Parker and Gambell, of Oregon, setting forth the loss or destruction of the original Charter of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and requesting that a duplicate Charter be granted said Grand Lodge by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at this session.

As sufficient proof is before your committee, in connection with said resolution, to satisfy them that the Charter has been lost or destroyed, they recommend that a duplicate Charter be granted the Grand Lodge of Oregon by this Sovereign Grand Lodge, as provided by the Digest of 1889, Sections 1414 and 1415, and that the same shall be issued without charge to the said Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. Heineman,	Geo. W. Godman,	Thos. C. Watson,
Ben. Bingham,	Alex. Rogers,	T. D. L. Manville,
H. C. Weaver,	Geo. A. Gilpatric,	L. J. Byer,
Jos. E. Phillips,	N. E. Whitehurst.	

No. 118. By Rep. Manville, of Connecticut, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application of five Brothers of Amsterdam, Kingdom of the Netherlands, for the institution of a Subordinate Lodge, at said place, to be known as Concordia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., find that the petition and all accompanying papers are in regular form; that a Charter was issued August 6th, 1895, and with Commissions, books, etc., entrusted to I. T. Philips, D. D. Grand Sire, Amsterdam, Holland, to institute the same.

They, therefore, recommend that the Charter so granted by the Grand Sire, be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. D. L. MANVILLE,	GEO. A. GILPATRIC,	H. H. HEINEMAN,
JOS. E. PHILLIPS,	N. E. WHITEHURST,	THOS. C. WATSON,
ALEX. ROGERS,	H. C. WEAVER,	L. J. BYER,
GEO. W. GODMAN,	BEN. BINGHAM.	

No. 119. By Rep. GODMAN, of Maryland, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, having considered the application made by Brothers in the town of Alameda and District of Assiniboia, Canada, for the institution of a Subordinate Lodge, at said place, to be known as Alameda Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., find that the petition and all accompanying papers are in regular form; that a Charter was issued on November 19th, 1894, and with Commissions, books, etc., entrusted to JOHN TUCKER, D. D. Grand Sire, Moosomin, Assiniboia, Canada, who instituted same on December 13th, 1894.

They, therefore, recommend that the Charter, so granted by the Grand Sire, be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. GODMAN,	THOS. C. WATSON,	ALEX. ROGERS,
H. C. WEAVER,	L. J. BYER,	BEN. BINGHAM,
T. D. L. MANVILLE,	GEO. A. GILPATRIC,	H. H. HEINEMAN,
JOS. E. PHILLIPS,	N. E. WHITEHURST.	

No. 120. By Rep. GILPATRIC, of Maine, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for a Charter for Gustaf II. Adolf Lodge No. 9, Gothenburg, Sweden, and papers accompanying the same, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and find them correct; that a Charter was granted by the Grand Sire, and the Lodge duly instituted March 25th, 1895. They, therefore, recommend the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire be approved and the Charter confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. GILPATRIC,	THOS. C. WATSON,	ALEX. ROGERS,
T. D. L. MANVILLE,	H. C. WEAVER,	H. H. HEINEMAN,
L. J. BYER,	JOS. E. PHILLIPS,	GEO. W. GODMAN,
N. E. WHITEHURST,	BEN. BINGHAM.	

No. 121. By Rep. WHITEHURST, of Virginia, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for the institution of a Subordinate Lodge in the City of Naples, Italy, to be known as Colombo Lodge, No. 1, find that the application and all accompanying papers are in regular form; that a Charter was granted by the Grand Sire, and that the Lodge was duly instituted on March 12th, 1895. They, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire be approved and the Charter be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

N. E. WHITEHURST,	THOS. C. WATSON,	T. D. L. MANVILLE,
GEO. A. GILPATRIC,	H. H. HEINEMAN,	JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
ALEX. ROGERS,	H. C. WEAVER,	L. J. BYER,
GEO. W. GODMAN,	BEN. BINGHAM.	

No. 122. By Rep. PHILLIPS, of British Columbia, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for the institution of a Subordinate Lodge in the city of Ystad, and Kingdom of Sweden, to be known as Linnea Lodge, No. 8, find that the application and all accompanying papers are in regular form, and that a Charter was granted by the Grand Sire on October 16th, 1894, and the Lodge duly instituted on November 18th, 1894. We, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire be approved, and the Charter confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. PHILLIPS,	ALEX. ROGERS,	H. C. WEAVER,
L. J. BYER,	GEO. W. GODMAN,	BEN. BINGHAM,
T. D. L. MANVILLE,	GEO. A. GILPATRIC,	H. H. HEINEMAN,
N. E. WHITEHURST,	THOS. C. WATSON.	

No. 123. By Rep. WEAVER, of Alabama, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Reps. TWEEDALE and WILLIAMSON, of Oregon, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish to the Grand Encampment of Oregon a duplicate Charter of said Grand Encampment, the original having been lost or destroyed," beg leave to offer the following:

Resolved, That the same be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. WEAVER,	T. D. L. MANVILLE,	THOS. C. WATSON,
GEO. A. GILPATRIC,	ALEX. ROGERS,	H. H. HEINEMAN,
L. J. BYER,	JOS. E. PHILLIPS,	GEO. W. GODMAN,
N. E. WHITEHURST,	BEN. BINGHAM.	

No. 124. By Rep. BYER, of Nebraska, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for the institution of a Subordinate Lodge in the city of Hilo, on the Island of Hawaii, Sandwich Islands, to be entitled Mauna Kea Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., find that the application and all accompanying papers are in regular form; that a Charter was granted by the Grand Sire, on August 12th, 1895, and a Commission issued to L. L. LA PIERRE, D. D. Grand Sire, Honolulu, S. I., on the same date to institute the same. We, therefore, offer the following, viz.:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire be approved, and the Charter be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. BYER,	ALEX. ROGERS,	T. D. L. MANVILLE,
H. C. WEAVER,	GEO. A. GILPATRIC,	GEO. W. GODMAN,
H. H. HEINEMAN	BEN. BINGHAM,	JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
N. E. WHITEHURST.		

No. 125. By Rep. PARSON, of Missouri, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant have carefully considered the changes in the Code of Laws suggested by the Grand Sire, and would recommend the following amendments which we think will cover the various points and remedy the conflicting sections to which reference has been made:

Amend the first clause of Section 4 to read as follows:

SEC. 4. The Cantons in each Jurisdiction shall be organized into Battalions, Regiments, Brigades and Divisions, as the strength of the forces will permit, and the Commander-in-Chief, the Department Council, or the Department Commander shall, from time to time, direct.

Amend Section 5 to read as follows:

SEC. 5. A Battalion shall consist of not less than two, nor more than five Cantons; a separate Battalion of not less than two, nor more than three Regimental Battalions, aggregating not less than six nor more than nine Cantons; a Regiment of not less than three nor more than five Regimental Battalions, consisting of not less than ten Cantons; a Brigade of not less than two Regiments; a Division of not less than two Brigades.

Amend Section 7 to read as follows:

SEC. 7. The elective commissioned officers in each Jurisdiction shall be as follows: A Department Commander, the ranking officer, whose military title shall correspond with the forces under his command; a Major-General for a Division; a Brigadier-General for a Brigade; a Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel for each Regiment; a Lieutenant-Colonel for each separate Battalion; a Major for each Regimental Battalion; a Captain commanding each Canton; a Lieutenant second in command of a Canton; an Ensign third in command of a Canton; a Warrant Officer to be Clerk of a Canton; a Warrant Officer to be Accountant of the Canton. The appointed officers of a Canton shall be a Standard-Bearer, a Guard, a Sentinel and a Picket, who shall rank in the order named.

Amend Section 8 to read as follows:

SEC. 8. When a Department consists of a single organized Body of Patriarchs Militant, as, a Canton, a Battalion, a separate Battalion, a Regiment, or a Brigade, the commanding officer thereof shall also be Department Commander; but where there are two or more Bodies whose Commanders are of equal rank, a Department Commander shall be elected, whose rank shall be one grade higher than that of any other officer commanding in the Department, but no Department Commander will be required by this section to vacate his office until his Commission shall have expired.

Amend Section 18 to read as follows:

SEC. 18. The Degree of Patriarchs Militant shall be open to Patriarchs of the Royal Purple Degree everywhere. The condition necessary for receiving or retaining membership is, good standing in a regular Encampment of the Order as well as in the Canton.

Amend Section 19 to read as follows:

SEC. 19. An applicant for enrollment in a Canton shall furnish a certificate of good standing in his Encampment, and make application on the prescribed form, which application shall be referred to a committee of three, and on the report of the committee at the regular meeting following, he shall be balloted for, and if not less than three-fourths of the members present vote favorable, he shall be enrolled; provided, that in cases of emergency a candidate may, by Dispensation from the Department Council or Department Commander, be proposed, reported on by the committee, and receive the Degree at the same meeting.

Amend Section 27 to read as follows:

SEC. 27. When a Chevalier, as such, visits a Subordinate, he must be clothed in full uniform, either the full dress or the fatigue, but he cannot occupy any chair, or do the work of any officer in a Subordinate Lodge while dressed in P. M. uniform.

Amend Section 30 to read as follows:

SEC. 30. Warrants for Cantons shall be granted by the Department Council, or Department Commander when the Council is not in session, or in a Department where there is no Council, by the Commander-in-Chief. All such Warrants shall be on the form provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. All applicants for Warrants to establish Cantons, shall provide themselves with regulation uniform, and shall appear dressed in the same on the mustering in of the Canton.

Amend Section 34 to read as follows:

SEC. 34. Not less than fifteen Patriarchs of the Royal Purple Degree shall be required to make application for a Warrant for a Canton; and the original applicants for a Warrant for a Canton, shall have the right to select by ballot additional Royal Purple Degree Patriarchs to be taken as Warrant or Charter members previous to the muster of the Canton.

Amend Section 37 to read as follows:

SEC. 37. A Canton cannot change its name at will. It must forward a petition to the Department Council, or if there be no Department Council, to the Commander-in-Chief, setting forth such desire, and giving the reasons therefor, and the Department Council or Commander-in-Chief may grant or refuse the petition.

Amend Section 40 to read as follows:

SEC. 40. A uniform Code of By-Laws may be prepared for each Department by the Department Council, but each Canton may adopt such additional By-Laws as may seem proper; *provided*, the same do not conflict with this Code or the laws and regulations of the Order; such By-Laws shall not take effect until approved by the Department Council, or, during its recess, by the Department Commander.

Amend Section 41 to read as follows:

SEC. 41. A Canton shall have and use a Seal, which shall be approved by the Commander of the Department in which such Canton is situate, to which officer a design or description of such Seal shall be forwarded for approval, before the same shall be used.

Amend Section 43 to read as follows:

SEC. 43. At the regular annual installation and muster of the Cantons, the Countersign shall be promulgated to Chevaliers. Should a Canton, from any cause, fail to be mustered on the day named, then the mustering officer is charged to proceed with the installation, muster and inspection of the Canton as early as practicable thereafter, at which time the Countersign shall be promulgated.

Amend Section 54 to read as follows:

SEC. 54. The commissioned officers of a Canton shall consist of a Captain, who shall be Commandant; a Lieutenant, and Ensign; the Warrant Officers shall be a Clerk and Accountant; and the appointed officers, a Standard Bearer, a Guard, a Sentinel and a Picket, who shall rank in the order named.

Amend Section 57 to read as follows:

SEC. 57. The officers of a Canton shall perform such duties as are enjoined in their Charges, or may be required by the general law of the P. M., or the By-Laws of the Canton. The Standard Bearer, Guard, Sentinel and Picket do not require Warrants, but they may procure them, if they so desire, and a Department Council may require that they shall be issued.

Amend Section 67 to read as follows:

SEC. 67. Canton officers shall be elected for one year; officers of Battalions or Regiments, for two years; officers of Brigades and Divisions, for three years. All officers so elected shall qualify and assume their respective positions at the beginning of the fiscal year, except in the institution of new Cantons, or the filling of vacancies arising from any cause, in which event, they will serve until the regular election takes place, and shall hold office until their successors are elected and installed, or commissioned. When an officer is commissioned during the year, his term shall be held to commence with the 26th of April nearest in point of time to the date of his Commission, except as hereinbefore specified.

Amend Section 70 to read as follows:

SEC. 70. In no instance, shall an officer muster the officers-elect of Cantons, until the Commissions and Warrants are received, except under special instruction from the Commander-in-Chief or the Department Commander.

Amend Section 73 to read as follows:

SEC. 73. All Commissions or Warrants of officers in a Department having a Department Council (except for the Department Commander), shall be issued by the Department Commander of the Department, attested by the Adjutant or Assistant Adjutant-General; but they shall be on the form provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and shall bear the signature of the

Adjutant-General. The Commission of a Department Commander (if one issued), and the Commissions or Warrants for officers in a Department having no Council, shall be issued by the Commander-in-Chief, attested by the Adjutant-General.

Amend Section 75 to read as follows:

SEC. 75. Upon the receipt of the official returns, reporting the names of officers-elect, with acceptances of such officers-elect appended, and fees for Commissions or Warrants inclosed, the Commissions or Warrants will issue and be forwarded direct, or to the commanding officers of the various Bodies, except those for Canton officers, which will be sent to the mustering officer.

Amend Section 77 to read as follows:

SEC. 77. All officers retired by reason of any changes in the laws of the P. M., shall be placed on the list of past officers, without loss of their military title. It shall not be necessary for such officers to obtain a retired Commission, but the Commissions held by them at the time of retiring, shall be considered, as retired Commissions with the retired rank designated by the Commission.

Amend Section 78 to read as follows:

SEC. 78. Nothing herein shall prevent any retired officer from accepting any position in the active service to which he may be duly elected or appointed; but if he should accept an active Commission of lower rank than that which he previously held, he shall continue to be addressed by the title of the higher rank in which he has served, and may wear the badge or uniform appertaining thereto.

Amend Section 80 to read as follows:

SEC. 80. Any officer above the grade of Captain, upon the surrender of his position, by resignation or otherwise, having an honorable record, who shall have served half the length of time designated in his Commission, may obtain a retired Commission, and thereafter wear the badge or uniform of such past office, and have his name appear in the roster of retired officers.

Amend Section 81 to read as follows:

SEC. 81. No officer below the grade of Captain is allowed to obtain a retired Commission. A Past Captain of the Line or Staff, and an officer upward in rank, can obtain a retired Commission on payment of a fee of $1, and then wear the badge or uniform of the office past, together with the Chevron denoting him a past officer; but without the retired Commission, he cannot wear said Chevron, and unless promoted or elected to some other position, he must return to the ranks of the Canton.

Amend Section 85 to read as follows:

SEC. 85. In Departments having no Council, all Commissions shall be issued by the Commander-in-Chief, and the full fees thereof shall be paid to the Adjutant-General before they are issued, as follows:

Warrants for Officers, Canton or Staff	each	$ 50
Commission for Ensign	"	1 00
" " Lieutenant	"	1 25
" " Captain	"	1 50
" " Major	"	2 00
" " Lieutenant-Colonel	"	3 00
" " Colonel	"	4 00
" " Brigadier	"	5 00
" " Major-General	"	6 00

Amend Section 100 to read as follows:

SEC. 100. Any Department containing a sufficient number of Cantons to constitute a separate Battalion, may organize a Department Council; and on being duly certified of the organization of such Council, the Commander-in-Chief shall transfer to it full control of the Patriarchs Militant in the Department, subject to the provisions of general law.

Amend Section 101 to read as follows:

SEC. 101. The meeting for the organization of a Department Council shall be at such time and place, as may be selected by the Department Commander; but when organized, it shall provide by law for its future meetings.

Amend Section 103 to read as follows:

SEC. 103. The officers of a Department Council shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such others as it may deem necessary for the transaction of its business. The Department Commander shall be the President of the Council, and the Chevalier appointed as Adjutant or Assistant Adjutant-General on the Staff of the Department Commander shall be Secretary. In the absence of the Department Commander, the Vice-President shall preside, and in the absence of both President and Vice-President, the senior ranking officer shall officiate.

Amend Section 124 to read as follows:

SEC. 124. Jewels for these Decorations shall be procured from the Adjutant-General, on requisition of the Department Council or Department Commander.

Amend Section 127 to read as follows:

SEC. 127. Department Councils will purchase the supplies above mentioned from the Adjutant-General or Sovereign Grand Lodge, at a discount of 50 per cent. from the prices quoted. They will also procure the following supplies from the same source, Sovereign Grand Lodge, at the prices here stated:

Blank Warrants for Cantons, each	$1 00
Officers' Blank Commissions, active or retired, each	25
Officers' Blank Warrants, each	25
Certificates of Honorable Discharge, each	10
Proclamations for Degree Work, each	75

Amend Section 131 to read as follows:

SEC. 131. All former laws, orders, rules and resolutions for the government of the Patriarchs Militant adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in conflict herewith, are repealed, except such as concern the Ceremonies, Ritual and Secret Work of the Degree, and the government of Grand Cantons and Turms of Horse; and such military tactics, and such regulations as to uniforms and equipment as are not inconsistent with this Code.

Respectfully submitted,

T. T. PARSON,	J. FRANK GRANT,	J. G. AYDELOTT,
JAMES YOUNG,	JACOB STERN,	W. H. MARIGOLD,
W. H. LEEDY,	E. B. COMLY,	T. W. JOLLIFFE.

No. 126. By Rep. COMLY, of Ohio, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom were referred the resolutions of the Grand Representatives from Massachusetts and Ohio, requesting a change in the cap for Chevaliers and Line Officers, have given the subject consideration, and we are of the opinion that the great majority of the Chevaliers would prefer the change in the cap. We, therefore, offer the following resolutions and recommend their adoption:

Resolved, first, That the Chevalier's cap shall be of the same style as that used by the Field and Staff Officers (and known as the French Forage cap), except that the top and sides shall be of black cloth, the band of purple silk velvet one inch wide, with two rows of Chevalier lace, P. M. buttons on the sides, gold cord on the front and straight leather visor. The embroidery on the cap shall be one-half inch silver bullion letters and numerals as follows: On the front, the number of the Canton and in the center of the top, the Chevalier emblem, with the name of the Department underneath. Where the name of the Department shall exceed five letters, the abbreviations as printed in the U. S. Postal Guide may be used.

Second. The cap for the Line Officers shall be the same as the Chevalier's, except the band, which shall consist of one-inch gold lace interwoven with two rows of one-eighth inch wide scarlet silk, the rows of silk to be one-fourth inch apart and equally distant from the edges of the band.

Third. Nothing in these resolutions shall prevent Cantons now organized, from using the caps already purchased, and are mandatory only in reference to new Cantons or Cantons that are purchasing new uniforms.

Fourth. All laws conflicting with the above resolutions are hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. COMLY,	JAMES YOUNG,	J. FRANK GRANT,
THOS. W. JOLLIFFE,	T. T. PARSON,	W. H. LEEDY,
JACOB STERN,	W. H. MARIGOLD,	J. G. AYDELOTT.

No. 127. By Rep. DAVIS, of Michigan, from the Committee on Constitutions:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, have examined the same and find that Section 1 of Article V. provides for the election of a Medical Director; and Section 8 of said Article V. provides for the appointment of Trustees for a Fraternal Beneficial Association.

Your committee find that this Grand Body has legislated what officers may be elected by State Grand Lodges (Section 863, White's Digest) and what officers may be appointed for its convenience or wants (Sections 864, 865), but they are unable to find any law of this Grand Body that will permit a State Grand Lodge to make the office of Medical Director of a Fraternal Benefit Association an elective office of such State Grand Lodge or that will justify a State Grand Lodge in providing in its Constitution that the Trustees of Fraternal Benefit Associations shall be appointed by such State Grand Lodge; we, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas except Section 8, Article V. and that portion of Section 1 of Article V.

which provides for the election of a Medical Director of a Fraternal Benefit Association, be, and the same is hereby, approved. Be it further

Resolved, That that portion of Section 1 of Article V. which provides for the election of a Medical Director, and Section 8 of said Article V. be, and the same are hereby, disapproved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. L. DAVIS,	HENRY J. ATEN,	FRED. SCHNAUBER,
N. A. MORFORD,	T. W. WILEY,	JAMES WELCH,
CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,	J. N. MUNSELL,	J. F. THOMPSON,
P. J. TRUMPLER.		

In my opinion the Constitution should be approved as presented. I, therefore, dissent from the report of the committee and recommend its approval as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. MACK.

No. 128. By Rep. MORFORD, of Arizona, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, have examined the same and respectfully report, that they have found nothing therein conflicting with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge or the principles of Odd Fellowship, and recommend that the same be approved by this Grand Body by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amendments offered, at the present session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, be approved.

Respectfully submittted,

N. A. MORFORD,	C. E. MACK,	HENRY J. ATEN,
GEORGE L. DAVIS,	FRED. SCHNAUBER,	T. W. WILEY,
JAMES WELCH,	CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,	J. N. MUNSELL,
J. F. THOMPSON,	P. J. TRUMPLER.	

No. 129. By Rep. MORFORD, of Arizona, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Arizona for consideration at the present session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, respectfully report, that they find nothing therein in contravention of the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge or the principles of the Order, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, be hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. MORFORD,	C. E. MACK,	HENRY J. ATEN,
GEORGE L. DAVIS,	T. W. WILEY,	JAMES WELCH,
CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,	J. N. MUNSELL,	J. F. THOMPSON,
P. J. TRUMPLER,	FRED. SCHNAUBER.	

No. 130. By Rep. WELCH, of Delaware, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred Article I., Section 5; Article III., Sections 1 and 4; Article IV., Sections 5, 6, 10 and 11, amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Indiana, find nothing conflicting with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WELCH,	C. E. MACK,	HENRY J. ATEN,
GEORGE L. DAVIS,	P. J. TRUMPLER,	J. N. MUNSELL,
T. W. WILEY,	CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,	J. F. THOMPSON,
N. A. MORFORD,	FRED. SCHNAUBER.	

No. 131. By Rep. WELCH, of Delaware, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred Section 3 of Article IV., and Section 2 of Article VI. of the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, have carefully examined the same and recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WELCH,	C. E. MACK,	HENRY J. ATEN,
GEO. L. DAVIS,	J. N. MUNSELL,	P. J. TRUMPLER,
T. W. WILEY,	J. F. THOMPSON,	CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,
FRED. SCHNAUBER,	N. A. MORFORD.	

No. 132. By Rep. MACK, of Nevada, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amendments and additions to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, have examined the same and do not find anything therein contained to conflict with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge or the principles of Odd Fellowship. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the amendments and additions to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. MACK,	HENRY J. ATEN,	T. W. WILEY,
P. J. TRUMPLER,	J. F. THOMPSON,	J. N. MUNSELL,
CHAS. H. BROWNLEE,	N. A. MORFORD,	GEO. L. DAVIS,
FRED. SCHNAUBER,	JAMES WELCH.	

No. 133. By Rep. MACK, of Nevada, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions have examined the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio and find the same does not conflict with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the said amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. MACK, HENRY J. ATEN, P. J. TRUMPLER,
J. F. THOMPSON, J. N. MUNSELL, CHAS. H. BROWNLEE.
N. A. NORFORD, GEO. L. DAVIS, FRED. SCHNAUBER,
T. W. WILEY, JAMES WELCH.

No. 134. By Rep. NOLEN, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Legislation:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. BINGHAM and AYDELOTT, of Tennessee, in regard to a cheap mode of telegraphic communication.

Beg leave to report, that we have carefully considered the subject, and are of the opinion that the adoption of said resolution, would be the means of a great saving to the various Subordinate Lodges, therefore, recommend that the said resolution be adopted. We further recommend the following to be used as the cipher and key:

TELEGRAPH CIPHER AND KEY.

HOUSE.—Is in our city, holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, and asking of us financial assistance.

FUNDS.—Shall we aid him, and draw on you to the extent of ———?

CASH.—Is in our city asking financial assistance, and claims membership in your Lodge in good standing.

RIVER.—Has your Lodge a member in good standing by the name of ——?

BOAT.—He is an expelled member and has not been in good standing for ————.

WHITE.—We don't know any such party, and he does not belong to our Lodge.

GRIP.—Draw on us for the amount of expenses incurred.

CAUTION.—Look out for a fraud named ————.

SECRETARY.—He has a fraudulent Card.

FINAL.—A member of your Lodge died here.

BLACK.—He is a fraud, and if he has a Card or other papers from this Lodge they are forgeries.

RED.—Holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, died here.

GREEN.—Wire instructions to us at once as to the disposition of his remains.

YELLOW.—Is in our city and very sick. Claims membership in your Lodge. Shall we give him attendance on your account?

PURPLE.—We think best to bury him there.

LODGE.—Forward remains to this place by ————.

REGALIA.—Assist him and we will honor draft to the extent of ——.

HELP.—Will your Lodge pay nurse hire, and how much per day?

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. NOLEN, R. M. ABERCROMBIE, J. J. THOMAS,
MONROE MCCLURG, JOHN DONOGH, I. N. ROGERS,
WILL H. TALBOTT, F. B. WILLIS, REUEL ROBINSON,
H. E. PARKER.

No. 135. By Rep. PINKERTON, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred decision No. 83 of the Grand Sire, report, recommending that said decision be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. PINKERTON,	R. E. WRIGHT,	MASSENA BULLARD,
W. G. NYE,	A. N. GAMBELL,	J. B. FRIEDHEIM,
CHAS. E. WALDO,	E. D. HOGE,	M. D. HERRING.

No. 136. By Rep. WEIR, of Nebraska, from the Special Committee on Veteran Odd Fellows:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee on Veteran Odd Fellows, to whom were referred the various resolutions and papers referring to the question of aged-veteran members of defunct Lodges, beg leave to report, that we have had the subject matter under consideration, and that so far as the memorial from the associated Lodges of Kentucky and Indiana is concerned, we are of the opinion that it would be unwise to undertake at the present time the development of a National Odd Fellows' Home, and, therefore, ask that we be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

In reference to the "memorial and petition" from the Representatives and Grand Lodges of Nebraska and New York, we deem it inexpedient to authorize State Grand Lodges to assess their subordinate membership for the purpose of paying benefits to the class of members referred to, and, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. COX,	EDGAR WHITLOCK,	LOUIS A. COOK,
O. J. SEMMES,	W. H. HARRIMAN,	O. C. WHITE.

From the last report above I dissent.

A. H. WEIR.

No. 137. By Rep. CLAPP, of Ohio, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the following preamble and resolution by Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania:

"WHEREAS, There are many Rebekah State Assemblies that have petitioned for a Degree in which the Assembly shall work; many of them finding their deliberations are interfered with, and confusion created by the admission of those who are not Past Noble Grands, therefore, in accordance with their wishes, be it hereby

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report a Past Noble Grands' Degree, and Rebekah State Assemblies will have the privilege of working

in the said Degree." Have carefully considered the same and respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, That it seems unwise to establish a Past Noble Grand's Degree for Rebekahs, and in view of the recommendation of this committee for a State Assembly Degree, we ask to be relieved from the further consideration of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. CLAPP, M. B. WARD, FRANCIS M. REA,
JOHN J. REED, SAM. J. BAKER, JOSEPH MANN,
W. MUSSON, F. M. HUFFAKER, W. S. BADLEY,
J. TUCKER.

No. 138. By Rep. RINGLER, of West Virginia, from the Committee on Finance:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. ISZARD, of New Jersey, which reads as follows:

"*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to procure a sufficient number of shields for the use of this Grand Lodge, and to be loaned to the different Jurisdictions, where the Sovereign Grand Lodge may convene, and be shipped, by the Grand Secretary, as other supplies are shipped, and that the sum of $200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for said purpose."

Beg to report that they have given the subject due consideration, and now offer the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies are hereby authorized to procure a sufficient number of shields for parade purpose, to be loaned to the local reception committee of the Jurisdiction where this Grand Lodge may convene, said shields to be shipped by the Grand Secretary along with other supplies to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge, and further, that such shields (two for each Jurisdiction) shall have inscribed thereon the correct name and coat of arms of the Jurisdiction represented, the cost of making the same not to exceed the sum of $200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN RINGLER, W. H. COX, F. B. BRYANT,
JOHN M. JONES, GEORGE N. NUTT, E. S. CONWAY,
BENJAMIN BREMNER, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, F. A. STIER.

No. 139. By Rep. MAGUIRE, of California, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred decision of the Grand Sire numbered 80, namely:

"The offices of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire being in many respects incompatible with that of Grand Representative, an election to and installation in either, vacates the office of Grand Representative," having fully considered the same, beg leave to report as follows:

The duties of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire are essentially different from those of Grand Representative, and their proper performance requires substantially all the time of each officer during the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

This being true, the occupancy of either of those offices would seem to be incompatible with the functions of a Grand Representative. But it is not necessary to appeal to general principles of expediency or policy in the determination of this question.

The Constitution of this Grand Lodge, Article II, in our opinion, precludes the incumbency of both offices at the same time by the same person.

That article reads as follows: "This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to-wit: A Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger and Grand Representatives from the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments working under legal and unreclaimed charters granted by this Grand Lodge."

The Constitution, therefore, in prescribing what shall constitute the membership of this Grand Lodge, requires that there shall be a Grand Sire and a Deputy Grand Sire in addition to all the Grand Representatives to which Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may be entitled. To unite either of these offices with the office of Grand Representative, in the same person would actually reduce the constitutional membership of this Grand Lodge.

Of course that cannot be done, either directly or indirectly, except by an amendment to the Constitution.

It follows that the said decision of the Grand Sire must be approved, and we, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Sire numbered 80, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. G. MAGUIRE,	R. E. WRIGHT,	E. D. HOGE,
W. G. NYE,	GEORGE SHIRTS,	A. N. GAMBELL,
CHAS. E. WALDO.	J. B. FRIEDHEIM.	

No. 140. By Rep. SHIRTS, of Indiana, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, make the following report as to the decision No. 64, which reads as follows: "Several weak Jurisdictions, joining together and forming a Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association, such association may do business in each of said Jurisdictions, without the certificate required to enable it to do business in other Jurisdictions than that in which it is organized."

Under existing legislation touching the subject, the report of the Committee on the Judiciary in 1893, was adopted, holding that voluntary associations or small corporations organized for the purpose of aiding members and their families, confining their operations to towns, cities or Jurisdictions where organized, might do business without the certificate prescribed by law.

At the present session, in dismissing the appeal of Past Grand Master THOMAS C. GRAY, Journal, p. 14,435, the decision was placed, among other things, upon the ground that the association in question did business only in the Jurisdiction where organized.

But the point embraced in the decision under discussion is quite different. How or in what manner these Jurisdictions "joined together" is not stated. But, no matter how formed, such association became entitled, under the law, to do business within the Jurisdiction where formed and not elsewhere. The residence of the corporators or constituent members, or stockholders, is wholly unimportant. For the purpose of determining whether a certificate must be obtained, the name of the association, its place of residence, is determined by the place of its incorporation, the place of its formation. And to enable such association to do business without the

Jurisdiction in which it is formed, it must procure the certificate required. The decision under consideration invades this principle, and we, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing decision of the Grand Sire, No. 64, be disapproved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE SHIRTS,	M. D. HERRING,	R. E. WRIGHT,
A. S. PINKERTON,	J. B. FRIEDHEIM,	MASSENA BULLARD,
CHARLES E. WALDO,	A. N. GAMBELL,	W. G. NYE,
JAS. G. MAGUIRE,	E. D. HOGE.	

No. 141. By Rep. TALBOTT, of Indiana, from the Committee on Legislation:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Indepeddent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. REED, of Quebec, proposing to amend the Insurance Law as found on page 13,083 of the Journal of 1892, by adding at the end of the sixth resolution, the words:

"But the certificate shall in no case be refused in a Jurisdiction in which any insurance association, official or otherwise, is permitted to do business in the name of the Order."

Respectfully report, that we have duly considered the subject and recommend that the proposed amendment be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

WILL H. TALBOTT,	JOHN L. NOLEN,	J. J. THOMAS,
R. M. ABERCROMBIE,	H. E. PARKER,	MONROE MCCLURG,
I. N. ROGERS,	FRANK B. WILLIS,	REUEL ROBINSON.

No. 142. By Rep. MARIGOLD, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. SAVAGE, of California:

"That Section 102 of the Revised Code of Laws for the government of the Patriarchs Militant, adopted by this Grand Lodge at its session held in 1894, be amended by inserting the words 'his Staff' after the word 'Commander' in the second line, so that the section will read as follows:

"'Sec. 102. A Department Council shall consist of the Department Commander, his Staff, and all officers in command of Cantons, Battalions, Regiments, Brigades, and Divisions, but the Council may provide for additional members, being representatives duly elected by the several Cantons and organized Bodies in the Department.'"

Beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject and recommend that it be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. MARIGOLD,	JACOB STERN,	E. B. COMLY,
J. FRANK GRANT,	T. T. PARSON,	J. G. AYDELOTT,
THOS. W. JOLLIFFE,	JAMES YOUNG,	W. H. LEEDY.

Rep. THOMAS, of Utah, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning, which was agreed to.

The Chair, accordingly, declared the Grand Lodge adjourned.

FRIDAY, Sept. 20th, 1895, 9:30 o'clock A. M.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STEBBINS	Grand Sire.
FRED. CARLETON	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS	Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE COBURN	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	Grand Chaplain.
JAMES B. BLANKS	Grand Marshal.
FRED. S. HUNT	Grand Guardian.
J. R. HARWELL	Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS	New York.
MILTON J. DURHAM	Kentucky.
JOHN H. WHITE	New York.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE	North Carolina.
CL. T. CAMPBELL	Ontario, Canada.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Chair, declared the Grand Lodge opened for business.

Rep. CABLE, of Ohio, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday be dispensed with, and that the Journal be approved as printed, which was adopted.

The Chair presented the following, which was ordered to be entered on the Journal:

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19, 1895.

The Organization of Odd Fellows now in session at Atlantic City:

The Philadelphia County W. C. T. U., in session, Presbyterian Church, 63d and Vine streets, read with pleasure the stand taken by your Order in reference to a temperate and moral membership.

Hearty congratulations,

OLIVE POND—AMIES, *Committee.*

The Jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. HUMPHREY, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to furnish Subordinate Grand Bodies with certified copies of the amendment, adding Section 5, to Article XVI., of the Constitution, and that such Grand Bodies certify the same to their Subordinates.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Secretary furnish certified copies of said amendment to all Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. YOUNG, of Maryland, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. GODMAN, of Maryland, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. WEIR, of Nebraska, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That the matter of relief to aged Odd Fellows, whose Lodges have become defunct, be referred to a Special Committee of Three Representatives, to report legislation on the subject at the next session.

Rep. REYNOLDS, of North Carolina, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That a Special Committee of Five be appointed to draft resolutions of thanks for courtesies received at this session.

Rep. DILLEY, of Missouri, rose to a question of privilege, and in behalf of the proprietors of the Odd Fellows' Souvenir, of St. Louis, Missouri, presented to Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, a handsome chair of new design. To the remarks of Bro. DILLEY, Past Grand Sire NICHOLSON responded in his usual appropriate and happy manner:

Rep. GASTER, of North Carolina, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That the speech of Bro. DILLEY, of Missouri, in presenting the chair to Bro. NICHOLSON, together with the speech of Bro. NICHOLSON in accepting the chair, be printed in the Proceedings of this Grand Body.

In accordance with the above resolution, the speeches made on this occasion are here presented.

The following are the remarks of Rep. DILLEY, of Missouri, in the presentation of the chair to Past Grand Sire NICHOLSON:

GRAND SIRE:—I desire to occupy a few minutes of time and, though not in line with the regular business of this Grand Body, I am sure that every Representative on this floor will cheerfully accord to me all the time necessary for what I may say, and will not only *not* consider it an interruption of the regular order, but will heartily concur in the sentiments expressed and also be glad of the occasion prompting their expression.

Representatives: "The glory of young men is their strength and the beauty of old men is the gray head." These are significant words. They were spoken at a time when the Patriarchs dwelt in tents and when the influence of their pastoral pursuits had a tendency to soften and mellow the rancorous asperities of men, thereby bringing them into closer relation with each other and nearer to their God.

Past Grand Sire NICHOLSON: The first time I had the pleasure of looking into your face was on Lookout Mountain in the fair State of Tennessee. The sun shone brightly in that beautiful southland and all nature seemed to invite man to a nearer approach to a higher standard of manhood. But notwithstanding the height of that mountain, and though the sunbeams were bright, to my mind neither were comparable to the high manly character stamped on your brow and the genial rays of kindness which emanated from your face. I wished then, as now, that I had known you earlier in life.

The vigor and strength of your younger manhood has, in a measure, departed from you. We are all thankful, however, that the "gray head" still remains. It indicates that increasing mentality which experience alone can furnish and which can only come to men with the passing of the years and the falling of the leaves. I wish I could give you back your physical vigor and health of limbs, but I cannot.

The proprietors of the the "Odd Fellows' Souvenir," a fraternal journal, published at St. Louis, Missouri, appreciating your high character as a man and your labors in behalf of Odd Fellowship, have requested me to present you this chair, indulging the hope and earnestly wishing that it may afford you many, very many, hours of comfort.

In behalf of myself, the members of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the Order at large, may I indulge the hope that when the shadows of life shall fall and lengthen and earth's scenes with you are nearing their close, as you sit therein, meditating upon the past with full faith and confidence in the future, the golden thread of memory may reach back to this occasion and bring us all again to you.

To the speech of Rep. DILLEY, of Missouri, Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, replied substantially as follows:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—Were I to occupy a considerable time in replying to Bro. DILLEY's presentation speech, the sum and substance of it all would be, I thank you. I feel very deeply this evidence of esteem of my Brethren in Missouri. Missouri was the place of my birth. My parents went westward from their native city of Philadelphia shortly after they were married, and when I was an infant, too small to remember anything of St. Louis, they returned home again where my life has been spent. Circumstances threw me into very close connection with Bro. ISAAC M. VEITCH, as Representative from that Jurisdiction, I learned to know him and to love him, for the nobility of his soul and the uprightness of his life. He was my successor in the Grand Sire's chair, and upon taking his seat, I could not help giving vent to the feeling that inspired me of friendship and of love toward this gallant and distinguished Brother. And there are other Representatives from Missouri that rise up before me, whose

names I hold in profound respect, and trust that I may never forget them until memory shall fade away. To Bro. DILLEY I desire to tender my especial consideration, for the very handsome manner in which he has been pleased to allude to my unworthy self; and, in closing, permit me to say to the Missouri Brethren, that my acknowledgements are due to them for their kind consideration and the evidence that they have given of their esteem, and from my heart of hearts, I thank them.

Rep. GRASSMANN, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That all speeches and addresses made hereafter during this session shall not exceed five minutes, unless by unanimous consent.

Rep. DOUGLASS, of North Carolina, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Resolved, That five Commissioners be elected at this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to prepare an "Annotated Code of Odd Fellowship," and submit the same for approval at the next meeting of this Body; and, that the sum of $2,500 be appropriated to defray the expenses and pay the services of said Commission.

Reps. VANNOORDEN and COMLY, of Ohio, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That when a member of the Order is convicted of a crime, is sentenced and serving a term in State prison, charges shall be preferred against him in the Lodge of which he is a member, and upon the facts being established and the member fully identified, he must be expelled.

Rep. STEUERNAGEL, of Pennsylvania, by request, presented the following:

PHILADELPHIA, September 20th, 1895.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

An invitation is hereby extended to the Representatives and wives and friends who are members of the Rebekah Degree, to attend a meeting of Theresa Rebekah Lodge in the Odd Fellows Temple, Broad and Cherry Streets, Philadelphia, on Saturday evening, 21st inst., at which time there will be a special rendition of the Pennsylvania beautified Rebekah Work, which strictly adheres to the Ritual.

And for the benefit of those who cannot attend on Saturday evening, there will be a special rendition of the work by the same Lodge, at the same place, on Monday evening, the 23d inst., at which time the Deputy Grand Sire and his wife are expected to be present.

The Lodge does excellent work, and it is hoped that those interested will avail themselves of this occasion.

MRS. ANNA MARRON,
N. G. of Theresa Lodge, No. 147, of Pennsylvania.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the invitation be received, and that the Representatives, that can do so, attend, which was agreed to.

Rep. THOMAS, of Utah, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That no new business be received after the close of the morning session, Friday, September 20th, 1895, except by unanimous consent.

Rep. GAMBELL, of Oregon, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. PARKER, of Oregon, for the remainder of the session:

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. KELLER, of Texas, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. RICH, of Wyoming, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of Texas be, and they are hereby, respectfully requested to see to it, that a safe and suitable hall for our next session, and a sufficient number of committee rooms, are provided, and, also, that they be further requested to use their influence against any and all programmes for, and invitations to, this Grand Body, save and except a street parade and reception ceremonies, that may interfere with its sessions.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which were considered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to sell five one thousand dollar Bonds ($5,000), for the purpose of meeting the expenses of this session.

Resolved, That Bro. I. A. SHEPPARD, Grand Treasurer, be authorized to transfer all Bonds, etc., belonging to this Sovereign Grand Lodge, now in his possession, to M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, Grand Treasurer-elect.

Rep. BETHARD, of Alabama, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That in States where, from the results of war or other unavoidable causes, a large number of the first Lodges or Encampments chartered have become defunct, and by reason of death, removal or old age of the former members, the resuscitation of the Lodge is impracticable, the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of such Jurisdictions be, and are hereby, allowed to renumber the remaining Lodges, if under a Grand Lodge, or Encampments, if under a Grand Encampment; provided, that no Lodge or Encampment shall be compelled by said Grand Body to change its number, but in case of refusal, the Grand Body shall offer the vacant number to the lowest numbered Lodge or Encampment that may desire to accept.

Rep. EMERSON, of South Dakota, moved that the Lodge proceed to consider the reports as they appear on the Journal, which was agreed to.

The first report (No. 60), page 14,523, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, in connection wth the minority report (No. 61), page 14,523, on the same subject, was considered.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the majority report be adopted.

The question being on the motion,

Rep. COOK, of Massachusetts, moved that the further consideration of both reports be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion,

Rep. WEIR, of Nebraska, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: Will the Lodge indefinitely postpone the further consideration of both reports? Which was resolved in the affirmative, 105 voting in the affirmative and 22 in the negative.

The next report (No. 61), page 14,523, from the minority of the same committee, was considered in connection with majority report (No. 60), page 14,523, and the further consideration of both reports indefinitely postponed.

The next report (No. 62), page 14,523, from the Committee on the State of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 64), page 14,525, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 68), page 14,526, from the Committee on Legislation, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 69), page 14,527, from the Committee on Constitutions, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 70), page 14,527, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 71), page 14,527, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 72), page 14,528, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 73), page 14,528, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 74), page 14,529, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 75), page 14,529, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 76), page 14,529, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 77), page 14,529, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 78), page 14,530, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 79), page 14,530, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 80), page 14,530, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 81), page 14,531, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 82), page 14,531, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 83), page 14,531, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 84), page 14,531, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 85), page 14,532, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 86), page 14,532, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 87), page 14,532, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 88), page 14,532, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 89), page 14,533, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 90), page 14,533, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 91), page 14,533, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 92), page 14,534, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 93), page 14,534, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 94), page 14,534, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 95), page 14,535, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 96), page 14,535, from the Committee on Finance, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 97), page 14,535, from the Committee on Correspondence, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 98), page 14,536, from the Committee on Constitutions, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 99), page 14,536, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 100), page 14,536, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 101), page 14,537, from the Committee on Legislation, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 102), page 14,537, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 103), page 14,538, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 107), page 14,540, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. EMERSON, of South Dakota, moved that the further consideration of the report be deferred until the other reports (Nos. 109, 110, 111 and 162), on the same subject, be considered together, which was agreed to.

The next report (No. 108), page 14,540, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 112), page 14,542, from the Committee on the State of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 113), page 14,542, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 114), page 14,543, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. MAGUIRE, of California, moved that the further consideration of the report be deferred until it be considered in connection with the minority report (No. 190), which is not yet printed, which was agreed to.

The next report (No. 115), page 14,543, from the Committee on Legislation, was considered and adopted, 99 voting in the affirmative and 20 in the negative.

The next report (No. 116), page 14,544, from the Committee on Petitions, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 117), page 14,544, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 118), page 14,544, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 119), page 14,545, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 120), page 14,545, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 121), page 14,546, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 122), page 14,546, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 123), page 14,546, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 124), page 14,547, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 125), page 14,547, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 126), page 14,552, from the same committee, was considered and adopted, 62 voting in the affirmative and 45 in the negative.

The next report (No. 127), page 14,552, from the Committee on Constitutions, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 128), page 14,553, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 129), page 14,553, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 130), page 14,554, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 131), page 14,554, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 132), page 14,554, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 133), page 14,554, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 134), page 14,555, from the Committee on Legislation, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 136), page 14,556, from the Special Committee on Veteran Odd Fellows, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 137), page 14,556, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 138), page 14,557, from the Committee on Finance, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. BLUMENTHAL, of Mississippi, moved that the further consideration of the report be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to, 70 voting in the affirmative and 62 in the negative.

The next report (No. 139), page 14,557, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. HERRING, of Texas moved that the further consideration of the report be deferred until it be considered with the minority report (No. 166), which is not yet printed, which was agreed to.

The next report (No. 141), page 14,559, from the Committee on Legislation, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 142), page 14559,, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, was considered and adopted.

Rep. EMERSON, of South Dakota, moved that the reports of the Committee on the Judiciary on the decisions of the Grand Sire, passed on motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, be now considered, which was agreed to.

The first report (No. 40), page 14,487, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered.

The question being on the first resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution, approving decisions Nos. 9, 13, 16, 22, 28, 70, 79, 96 as amended, was adopted, and the report adopted.

The next report (No. 63), page 14,524, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 65), page 14,525, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 66), page 14,525, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 67), page 14,526, from the same committee, was considered adopted.

The next report (No. 104), page 14,539, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 105), page 14,539, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 106), page 14,539, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 135), page 14,556, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 140), page 14,558, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Rep. BLOODWORTH, of Georgia, moved that his resolution, found in Report No. 210, page 14,183, Journal of 1894, be adopted.

The question being on the motion,

Rep. THOMPSON, of California, moved that the further consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to, 92 voting in the affirmative and 36 in the negative.

The Chair announced the following:

Special Committee on Thanks.—Reps. MORRIS, of Kentucky; CHRISTIE, of the Lower Provinces; MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania; MACK, of Nevada; MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts.

Special Committee on Relief to Aged Odd Fellows.—Reps. STERN, of New York; THOMAS, of Utah; LOOMIS, of Nebraska.

The Chair presented the following, which was ordered to be entered on the Journal:

To the Officers, Past Grand Sires and Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., Atlantic City, September 20th, 1895:

The publishers of the *Odd Fellows Souvenir* are anxious to contribute to the history of Odd Fellowship by publishing the portrait of every member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and would respectfully and fraternally request that each Officer, Past Grand Sire and Representative send to the *Odd Fellows' Souvenir*, St. Louis, Missouri, a good cabinet photograph at the earliest day possible, with data for short biographical sketch. These photographs will be half-toned in groups of about twenty-five each and published in the *Odd Fellows' Souvenir* free of expense to any one except the publishers; and in the same issue will appear short biographical sketches of each. In this way we hope to get the portrait of every member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge more artistically grouped that those used in the past and in a manner that each will be a perfect likeness of the individual. We believe that in years to come this material will be valuable history, and that it may be preserved by all Jurisdictions, copies of the *Souvenir* containing the same will be mailed to each Grand Secretary under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at our expense.

Fraternally,
M. F. DOUD,
Editor Odd Fellows' Souvenir.

O. H. P. GRUNDON,
Business Manager.

Rep. BYER, of Nebraska, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Rep. PINKERTON, of Massachusetts, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. MARDEN, of Massachusetts.

Rep. GRANT, of Kentucky, moved that the Lodge reconsider the vote by which Report No. 37, page 14,486, Journal, was adopted, which was agreed to.

The question being on the report,

Rep. GRANT, of Kentucky, moved that it be referred back to the committee, which was agreed to.

Rep. THOMPSON, of California, laid on the table the following proposition to amend the Constitution :

Resolved, That Article X. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE X.

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, with all the rights and privileges of Grand Representatives.

J. F. THOMPSON, of California,
J. G. MAGUIRE, of California,
MONROE MCCLURG, of Mississippi.
M. B. WARD, of Kansas,
O. A. MARDEN, of Massachusetts,

Rep. MCKINNON, of Manitoba, laid on the table the following proposition to amend the Constitution :

Amend Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, so as to read:

SEC. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, who believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

D. E. MCKINNON, of Manitoba,
CHAS. J. BROWN, of Quebec,
JAMES G. MAGUIRE, of California,
A. H. BLACKEBY, of Ontario,
W. STETSON ROGERS, of the Lower Provs.,
JAMES CHRISTIE, of the Lower Provs.,
O. J. SEMMES, of Alabama,
H. C. WEAVER, of Alabama,
H. WALLER, of British Columbia,
JOS. E. PHILLIPS, of Brit. Columbia,
R. ROBERTS, of Brit. Columbia,
JOS. BURROUGHS, of the Dist. of Col.

The following reports were laid on the table under the rule :

No. 143. By Rep. MAGUIRE, of California, from the Committee on the Judiciary :

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the following questions submitted by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, namely :

"1st. Can a Past Grand, who is more than three months in arrears for dues, vote for Grand Officers?

"2d. Can a Past Grand who is away from his Lodge, but present in another Lodge, cast his vote in another Body?

"3d. Is a fact of a member being present during a meeting *prima facie* evidence of his right to participate in the proceedings of the meeting?" Having fully considered the same, beg leave to report thereon, and recommend the adoption of the following answers to said questions:

1st. There is nothing in the general law of our Order which deprives a Past Grand, who is more than three months in arrears for dues, of the right to vote for Grand Officers.

Every Past Grand, in good standing in his Lodge, has an inherent right to vote for Grand Officers (White's Digest, Section 1095). Good standing is freedom from any charge of misconduct and from any disability by reason of non-payment of dues (Ibid., Section 750).

What arrearage for dues will deprive a Brother of good standing in his Lodge depends upon local legislation (Ibid., Section 30), with which this Grand Lodge cannot properly interfere, except upon appeal duly taken (Ibid., Sections 30 and 365).

The local law of Minnesota, affecting the question under consideration, is not before us, and, if it were, we could not consider or construe it upon a question thus presented.

2d. The general law does not authorize a Past Grand to cast his vote, for any purpose, in a Lodge other than the one to which he belongs. In the absence of local legislation, Past Grands can vote for Grand Lodge officers only at the Grand Lodge sessions. The manner in which Past Grands may vote for Grand Officers is also subject to local legislation. (White's Digest, Section 1098.)

3d. The fact that a member is present during a meeting of a Lodge is not *prima facie* evidence of his right to participate in the proceedings of the meeting, because the qualifications required to entitle a Brother to be present at a meeting are not identical with the qualifications required to entitle a Brother to participate in the proceedings of a meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. MAGUIRE,	CHAS. E. WALDO,	R. E. WRIGHT,
E. D. HOGE,	W. G. NYE,	J. B. FRIEDHEIM,
MASSENA BULLARD,	A. N. GAMBELL,	GEO. SHIRTS,
M. D. HERRING,	A. S. PINKERTON.	

No. 144. By Rep. GAMBELL, of Oregon, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. LEEDY, of Indiana, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That Section 5, Article XVI., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, adopted at yesterday's session, shall not be construed in its meaning so as to affect membership now existing," respectfully report, that the general laws of our Order preclude such a construction of the amendment to the Constitution, as indicated by the foregoing resolution.

Your committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. GAMBELL,	W. G. NYE,	A. S. PINKERTON,
J. B. FRIEDHEIM,	M. D. HERRING,	GEO. SHIRTS,
JAMES G. MAGUIRE,	R. E. WRIGHT,	CHAS. E. WALDO,
MASSENA BULLARD,	E. D. HOGE.	

No. 145. By Rep. GAMBELL, of Oregon, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. PINKERTON, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report whether or not it is legal for a Lodge to pay a member's wife for nursing him while he was sick, if its By-Laws do not prohibit such payment."

Respectfully report, that we have carefully considered the question submitted, and are of the opinion that the same should be answered in the negative.

To hold that the wife of a Brother should be paid from the funds of his Lodge for performance of a duty especially enjoined upon her, both by the marriage contract and the natural laws of humanity, would be to establish a most unwise and dangerous precedent.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That it is illegal for a Lodge to pay a member's wife for nursing him while he is sick.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. GAMBELL,	R. E. WRIGHT,	W. G. NYE,
CHAS. E. WALDO,	J. B. FRIEDHEIM,	MASSENA BULLARD,
GEORGE SHIRTS,	JAS. G. MAGUIRE,	M. D. HERRING.

In the consideration of the matter contained in the foregoing report, Rep. PINKERTON did not take part, being a member of the Body from which the inquiry came. R. E. WRIGHT, *Chairman.*

No. 146. By Rep. FRIEDHEIM, of Arkansas, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the question propounded by Reps. COOK and PINKERTON, of Massachusetts, respectfully report, that it is not in the power or province of this committee to construe or settle the law on inquiries thus propounded. They respectfully refer to Reports Nos. 32 and 153 from this committee, approved at the last session of the Grand Body, pages 14,036 and 14,127. Your committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. FRIEDHEIM,	A. N. GAMBELL,	W. G. NYE,
GEO. SHIRTS,	R. E. WRIGHT,	CHAS. E. WALDO
MASSENA BULLARD,	J. G. MAGUIRE,	E. D. HOGE,
A. S. PINKERTON.		

No. 147. By Rep. BULLARD, of Montana, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary have considered the following questions submitted to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and referred to your committee:

"*First question.* Has a Grand Master the right to compel a Lodge to issue a Withdrawal Card after a Lodge has refused and given as a reason that they were unwilling to recommend the Brother to all Odd Fellows?

"*Second question.* Has a Lodge or any member the right to place any extra writing on the edge of a Visiting or Withdrawal Card, said writing setting forth certain facts not provided for in the regular form of the Card?"

Your committee recommend that said questions be answered as follows:

Answer to first question: No.

Answer to second question: No such writing may be placed on a Withdrawal Card. On a Visiting Card any writing may be endorsed that may be necessary to set forth the rights of the holder as to benefits under the laws of the Lodge issuing the Card.

Respectfully submitted,

MASSENA BULLARD,	A. N. GAMBELL,	E. D. HOGE,
M. D. HERRING,	R. E. WRIGHT,	A. S. PINKERTON,
CHAS. E. WALDO,	JAMES G. MAGUIRE,	W. G. NYE,
GEO. SHIRTS,	J. B. FRIEDHEIM.	

No. 148. By Rep. ABERCROMBIE, of Missouri, from the Committee on Legislation:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. DOUGLASS and GASTER, of North Carolina, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of any Jurisdiction in which is located an Orphan Home for the Children of deceased Odd Fellows, shall have power to compel Subordinate Lodges in said Jurisdiction to pay over to the Treasurer of such Orphan Home such part of the Widows and Orphans' Fund as may appear to said Grand Lodge just and proper; in each case such funds so paid to be applied, primarily, to the support of the orphan, or orphans of deceased Brothers who were members of the Subordinate Lodge supplying said fund to the Treasurer aforesaid."

Have duly considered the subject, and believing that the existing resolutions of this Grand Body confer ample power upon State Grand Bodies to maintain Orphans Homes, we deem further legislation on this subject unnecessary at the present time.

Resolved, That the resolution be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. ABERCROMBIE,	J. J. THOMAS,	H. E. PARKER,
W. H. TALBOTT,	F. B. WILLIS,	J. L. NOLEN,
J. DONOGH,	I. N. ROGERS,	M. MCCLURG,
R. ROBINSON.		

No. 149. By Rep. YOUNG, of Maryland, from the Special Committee on the Office of the Grand Secretary:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee on the Office of the Grand Secretary, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to his office would respectfully submit the following:

The property now occupied by the Sovereign Grand Lodge is assessed at $22,031 for city taxation, the amount being about two-thirds of its real value, and is surrounded by property enhancing in value. All property in the city of Baltimore owned by benevolent organizations is exempt from taxation, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge would therefore not be assessed for taxation on this property.

The building is four stories high, substantially built, with a large fireproof vault on the ground floor, amply sufficient for the storage of the

private property of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. It has two fronts, well-lighted and ventilated, with an open square in front. Bro. Ross reports the building well adapted for the purpose and use of the Grand Secretary, and in his judgment will be ample for 50 years or more. In the event that it be necessary to remove Headquarters at the expiration of the present lease, considerable expense will be entailed by such removal, even though suitable quarters could be found. It is believed, that, if it becomes necessary to remove to another building, the cost of removal, and the erection of a fire-proof vault therein, which is absolutely necessary, will be not less than four thousand dollars.

The rental is $2,500 per annum, which is about 9 per cent. on the purchasing price; our present investment only yields about 4 per cent.; the purchase would be a saving of $1,350 per annum to this Grand Lodge.

The landlord is willing to accept for the property the price fixed to be paid in 1894, as will be seen from the following:

"BALTIMORE, June 4th, 1895.

"THEO. A. ROSS, Esq., *Grand Secretary.*

"Dear Sir:—In answer to your inquiry regarding the purchase, by your Sovereign Grand Lodge, of my property, Nos. 23 and 25 N. Liberty street, I will say, that I hereby agree to accept the sum of twenty-eight thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars ($28,750.00), named in your lease as the purchase price for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, until the thirtieth day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety-five; the mortgage of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) mentioned in said lease having been discharged.

"All taxes, etc., as well as the rent must be adjusted to the day of transfer, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend the time of such purchase for the price named above, beyond the thirtieth day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

"Very respectfully yours,

"AUGUST WEHR."

In view of the foregoing, viz.: The saving of thirteen hundred and fifty ($1,350.00) dollars per annum by purchasing the property; the continued enhancing value of the surrounding property; its central location, being convenient to all car lines, hotels, depots and steamboats; the adaptability of the building for the uses to be made of it; the saving of nearly four thousand (4,000.00) dollars in money, as well as the cost of erecting a fire proof vault, in case of removal to another location; the remarks of the Grand Secretary in his report and the fact that Odd Fellowship would have a permanent home in the city of its birth, and believing that should the Sovereign Grand Lodge at any time in the future decide to dispose of the property it could realize a handsome profit upon the purchase price, we submit the following and recommend its unanimous adoption.

Resolved, That the committee, in connection with the Grand Treasurer, be authorized to purchase, in fee, for $28,750.00, the building known as Nos. 23 and 25 N. Liberty St., and now occupied by the Grand Secretary as the Headquarters of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES YOUNG, JOHN M. JONES, A. C. CABLE,
WM. W. MORRIS, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, A. S. PINKERTON,
T. T. PARSON.

No. 150. By Rep. RUSSELL, of Texas, from the Committee on the State of the Order:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report, in relation to Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., of Fargo, North Dakota, beg leave to report as follows:

That they have carefully considered all of the report of the Grand Sire upon the Fargo difficulty, commencing on page 14,252 of his annual report, and we unhesitatingly say, that his statements and findings are correct, and his action in the premises highly commendable.

They have also considered the report of the Special Committee of this Body in S. G. L. Journal 1894, pages 14,174, 14,175, and fully endorse their report as being a clear and definite statement of the amount of money not used by the General Relief Committee of Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, in aid of the destitute members of said Lodge, resulting from fire in Fargo in 1893, but which was used in a way altogether different than which it was claimed by said relief committee it was intended for.

By reference to said report, it is made clear that the items of $1,500.00 and $8,800.00 and $737.29, being a total of $11,037.29, comprised the sum not used or required for "Legitimate expenses and the relief of destitute Brothers and Sisters."

While your committee feel constrained to say that there was no room for cavil or delay by the local Lodge, in determining that said sum of $11,037.29 was the amount diverted and appropriated and applied to the construction of a Lodge hall, and to relieve the lot upon which said hall is constructed, of a large mortgage indebtedness; yet, as it is claimed in behalf of said Lodge, by Brother A. W. EDWARDS, a P. G. of said Lodge, and the attorney of the same, who appeared before your committee in said capacity, as attorney—that the reason why the said money thus misapplied by the Relief Committee of his Lodge had not been satisfactorily adjusted by a refunding of the same, was that the Lodge and the Relief Committee had no definite information of the sum demanded of them to be refunded, and inasmuch as Brother EDWARDS stated to your committee that upon their report, definitely fixing the amount due to be returned by Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, and the adoption of the committee's report by this Body, the said Lodge was ready and willing to obey the same, we deem further statement in this particular unnecessary.

Your committee find that the misappropriation of funds consists in using them to relieve the mortgage indebtedness upon the lot and to aid in the construction of a valuable Lodge hall upon the same, and that the sum, thus misapplied and diverted, amounts to $11,037.29, and it is this sum, now due and owing by said Lodge, and which should be promptly refunded, as we shall hereinafter recommend, to the end that the members of said local Lodge shall be relieved of the misapplication of said funds by building a Lodge hall and paying its debts from a fund that was only intended to be used by them in the relief of the Lodge members in destitute condition; and to the end that no wrong intent can be justly imputed to the action herein disapproved by your committee.

The committee of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota on page 460 of the Journal, 1894, after a careful and exhaustive investigation, as is manifest from said report, say that the total amount paid by the Relief Committee for the actual relief and expenses, was $2905.46, which omits the sum of $6.42 paid for protest fees, as a legitimate expense, and from their report it is clear that $11,043.71 in their opinion is the sum misapplied and diverted.

It is from these reports that the Grand Sire is aided in determining the amount due, and this item of $6.42 being allowed by us, thus reducing the sum to $11,037.29. With the exception of this slight discrepancy arising as just stated, we ask that the report of the Grand Sire as shown in his said annual report on page 14,252 et seq. and the statement of the sums contributed by the various Lodges of the Jurisdictions named on page 14,257 of his report and taken from the committee report of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota on pages 452, 453 Journal of 1894, be taken and accepted, and considered as a part of this report.

The Secretary of the Grand Jurisdiction of North Dakota on June 20th, 1895, acting under instructions of the Grand Master, directed Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., of Fargo, to pay over all moneys received and not used for the destitute members and legitimate expenses. As heretofore stated, this being claimed to be too indefinite to permit a refunding of the exact amount due, and to relieve the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and its Grand Master of all and any misunderstanding of the definite purpose of the Body to have the misapplication of the funds, by their use in paying the mortgage indebtedness of said Northern Light Lodge and the construction of a Lodge hall, and thus correct an error that ought not to have been committed, and which we trust will not in any Jurisdiction be repeated. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of North Dakota be, and is hereby, ordered, instructed and required, through its Grand Master, forthwith, to demand of Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., of Fargo, North Dakota, the sum of eleven thousand, thirty-seven dollars and twenty-nine cents ($11,037.29). And the Grand Master is directed immediately to require the said money to be paid and returned to the Grand Sire, or to the several Grand Jurisdictions from which the same was received, their pro rata share, in the proportion of the respective amounts they severally contributed, as appears in the Journal of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, of June, 1894, on pages 452 and 453, in the report of the committee and quoted in the report of the Grand Sire, to this session on page 14,257 of his report.

That the said Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and its Grand Master, report to the Grand Sire, within twenty days from the service of a copy of this resolution, whether said Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, has pledged under Seal of the same to return the said sum of $11,037.29 and at what time it will be so returned; that said Grand Master also report to the Grand Sire, as fast as received, the amount received and to what Jurisdiction returned, forwarding a copy, in his report, of the receipt of such payment, until the whole amount above named should have been returned.

And in the event of refusal or neglect by said Lodge so to inform said Grand Lodge or Grand Master within twenty (20) days; and to pay such pro rata shares to said Jurisdictions or any of them, within ninety (90) days from the time of the service of this resolution upon the said Grand Master, unless the Grand Sire, for good cause shown, extend the time to a limit within his discretion—that said Grand Lodge, by its Grand Master, is required and directed to demand and take possession of the Charter, property and effects of said Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., of North Dakota, and to hold the same subject to the order and direction of the Grand Sire or of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Stillwell H. Russell,	Wm. W. Morris,	W. L. Kuykendall,
Leopold de Leeuw,	N. C. Pettit,	J. C. Longueville,
Geo. W. Dilks,	A. C. Cable,	J. W. Watson,
J. G. Bloodworth,	Wm. H. Iszard.	

No. 151. By Rep. KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following resolution introduced by Reps. WRIGHT and REA of Pennsylvania: "*Resolved*, That permission be, and is hereby, granted to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to order and direct the satisfaction and cancellation of the mortgage of $10,000 on the Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania, without any proceedings in, or decree, of court,"

Respectfully report, that due consideration has been given to the subject matter thereof, and your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the above resolution be, and the same is hereby, adopted and full authority is hereby granted the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to perform all acts necessary in the premises to comply with the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. KUYKENDALL, N. C. PETTIT, LEOPOLD DE LEEUW,
STILLWELL H. RUSSELL, J. G. BLOODWORTH, J. C. LONGUEVILLE,
J. W. WATSON, WM. W. MORRIS, A. C. CABLE,
GEORGE W. DILKS, WM. H. ISZARD.

No. 152. By Rep. LONGUEVILLE, of Iowa, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the annexed resolution of Rep. WALDO, of Colorado:

"WHEREAS, We are informed, through the public press, of the establishment of a society known as the Imperial Order of Muscovites, said (upon the same authority of the public press), to bear the same relation to the I. O. O. F. which the Mystic Shrine does to Masonry, and to require membership in the I. O. O. F. as a qualification for membership therein; and

"WHEREAS, Heretofore, this Grand Lodge has refused to tolerate the idea that Odd Fellows may retain membership in the I. O. O. F. and also hold membership in Orders not subordinate to this Grand Lodge, but requiring membership in this Order as a qualification for its membership.

"*Resolved*, That the nature of the Imperial Order of Muscovites be considered by the Committee on the State of the Order, and that such laws be reported as that committee shall deem best in regard to said Order."

Beg leave to report, that we have considered the same, and find that the society, referred to in the resolution, is not one either authorized or recognized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, nor does it appear from all the information obtained, that it uses, in any way, any of the emblems, titles, mottoes or words of the Order. It does not, therefore, seem to be one over which the Sovereign Grand Lodge should have any control, or with which it should try to hold any connection, and no legislation seems to be required in this case.

We, therefore, ask to be relieved from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LONGUEVILLE, W. L. KUYKENDALL, N. C. PETTIT,
A. C. CABLE, WM. W. MORRIS, LEOPOLD DE LEEUW,
STILLWELL H. RULSELL, J. G. BLOODWORTH, WM. H. ISZARD,
J. W. WATSON, GEORGE W. DILKS.

No. 153. By Rep. BLOODWORTH, of Georgia, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. PINKERTON, of Massachusetts, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Order consider the expediency of permitting a Grand Master of a State Jurisdiction to allow the request of another Jurisdiction to initiate in one of its Lodges a resident of the first named Jurisdiction, irrespective of the nearness of the Lodges to the place of residence of the person desiring initiation," report as follows: We deem the change inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. BLOODWORTH, N. C. PETTIT, J. C. LONGUEVILLE,
W. L. KUYKENDALL, A. C. CABLE, LEOPOLD DE LEEUW,
STILLWELL H. RUSSELL, J. W. WATSON, WM. W. MORRIS,
GEO. W. DILKS, W. H. ISZARD.

No. 154. By Rep. DE LEEUW, of Connecticut, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. BLUMENTHAL, of Mississippi, to-wit:

"That the price of Traveling or Visiting Cards be reduced to ten cents each, to Grand Bodies, and to all others at an advance of twenty-five per cent., which shall take effect from and after January 1st, 1896," respectfully report, that they have given the subject careful consideration, and deem the proposed change as unwise; we, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

LEOPOLD DE LEEUW, WM. W. MORRIS, A. C. CABLE,
GEORGE W. DILKS, W. L. KUYKENDALL, WM. H. ISZARD,
STILLWELL H. RUSSELL, J. G. BLOODWORTH, J. C. LONGUEVILLE,
J. W. WATSON.

No. 155. By Rep. BLOODWORTH, of Georgia, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. VAN NOORDEN AND COMLY of Ohio, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That when a member of the Order is convicted of a crime, is sentenced and serving a term in a State prison, charges shall be preferred against him in the Lodge of which he is a member, and upon the facts being established and the member fully identified, he must be expelled," report as follows: We recommend the adoption of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. BLOODWORTH, GEORGE W. DILKS, LEOPOLD DE LEEUW,
W. L. KUYKENDALL, WM. W. MORRIS, J. W. WATSON,
A. C. CABLE, N. C. PETTIT, J. C. LONGUEVILLE,
W. H. ISZARD, STILLWELL H. RUSSELL.

No. 156. By Rep. DE LEEUW, of Connecticut, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. FATHERS and OATES, of Wisconsin, to-wit:

"*Resolved*, That a change be made in the form of Dedication service, so as to make 'Universal Justice' (the motto of the P. M.) the crowning pillar of the altar," would respectfully report that they have had the subject under consideration, and would recommend that no change be made in the form now used.

Respectfully submitted,

LEOPOLD DE LEEUW,	WM. W. MORRIS.	A. C. CABLE,
GEO. W. DILKS,	W. L. KUYKENDALL,	WM. H. ISZARD,
STILLWELL H. RUSSELL,	J. G. BLOODWORTH,	J. C. LONGUEVILLE,
N. C. PETTIT,	J. W. WATSON.	

No. 157. By Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MUSSON, of Iowa:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah be instructed to amend the Ceremony for Dedicating Halls, so that the Rebekah Degree be suitably represented therein."

Beg leave to respectfully report, that while this committee is thoroughly satisfied that the present Dedication Ceremony does not fully exemplify all the principles and branches of the Order, yet it must not be forgotten that it is a complete and harmonious Ceremony that cannot be satisfactorily amended by adding other sections or parts which would not probably harmonize with the balance of the Ceremony.

It seems, therefore, to your committee that the matter of the revision of the Dedication Ceremony should be considered by a committee who are authorized to revise and remodel the same in accordance with the present requirements of the several divisions of the Order.

We, therefore, recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS M. REA,	SAM. J. BAKER,	JOHN TUCKER,
W. S. BADLEY,	F. M. HUFFAKER,	O. C. WHITE,
M. B. WARD,	M. S. CLAPP.	

No. 158. By Rep. WARD, of Kansas, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, after a careful consideration of the numerous amendments which have already been recommended and adopted in relation to the ritualistic Work of the Rebekah Degree, find that it is expedient to have the Ritual of said Degree revised, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Sire appoint a Special Committee, to consist of three Grand Representatives, whose duty shall be to revise the Rebekah Ritual and report to this Grand Body at its next session.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge shall not be held responsible for the expenses of said committee further than to defray the actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their trust.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. WARD, F. M. HUFFAKER, FRANCIS M. REA,
O. C. WHITE, JOHN J. REED, SAM. J. BAKER,
JOSEPH MANN, J. TUCKER, W. S. BADLEY,
M. S. CLAPP, W. MUSSON.

No. 159. By Rep. TUCKER, of Manitoba, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. DAVIS, of Michigan, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the laws for the government of Rebekah Lodges be amended as follows: Amend Section 31 by inserting between the words 'Vice-President and Secretary,' the word 'Warden.'"

Beg to report, that we have duly considered the resolution and offer the following:

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient and unwise, and ask to be relieved from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. TUCKER, FRANCIS M. REA, W. S. BADLEY,
JOHN J. REED, M. B. WARD, O. C. WHITE,
F. M. HUFFAKER, M. S. CLAPP, W. MUSSON,
SAM. J. BAKER.

No. 160. By Rep. REED, of Quebec, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred a proposed new Code for the government of Rebekah Lodges, and an amendment to Section 6 of the present Code, offered by Reps. PINKERTON and COOK, of Massachusetts, have considered the same and respectfully recommend they be not adopted:

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. REED, M. B. WARD, FRANCIS M. REA,
J. TUCKER, O. C. WHITE, W. S. BADLEY,
F. M. HUFFAKER, M. S. CLAPP, SAM. J. BAKER,
W. MUSSON.

No. 161. By Rep. WARD, of Kansas, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the resolutions, introduced by Rep. WALDO, of Colorado, relative to the laws for the government of Rekekah Lodges, would report as follows: Resolutions first and second are approved, and are as follows:

"1st. *Resolved*, That Section 11 of said laws be amended so as to make the office of Financial Secretary optional instead of imperative, and also,

so as to provide definitely by whom appointments shall be made, making it agree with the laws digested in Section 944 of White's Digest of 1889; and that said section, as amended, shall read as follows, to-wit:

"Sec. 11. The officers of a Rebekah Lodge shall be a Noble Grand, a Vice Grand, a Secretary, a Financial Secretary (if necessary), and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Lodge; a Warden, a Conductor, an Inside Guardian, an Outside Guardian, Right and Left Supporters to the Noble Grand, and a Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the Noble Grand; and Right and Left Supporters to the Vice Grand, who shall be appointed by the Vice Grand."

"2d. *Resolved*, That Section 12 of said laws be amended so as to make it unnecessary for Secretaries and Treasurers to have served in appointive offices; so as to provide more clearly for the case of a new Lodge, and of a vacancy when all qualified persons refuse; and so as to allow Grand Lodges the same discretion as to official terms as they have in regard to Subordinate Lodges; and that said section, as amended, shall read as follows, to-wit:

"Sec. 12. Any member, in good standing, of a Rebekah Lodge is eligible to election or appointment to any office in such Lodge except to the offices of Noble Grand and Vice-Grand. To be eligible to the office of Vice-Grand a member must have served a term in some elective or appointive office in a Rebekah Lodge, other than of Trustee; and to be eligible to the office of Noble Grand a member must have served a term in the office of Vice-Grand in a Rebekah Lodge. But any member in good standing may be elected as the first Noble Grand or Vice-Grand of a new or revived Lodge, or to fill a vacancy occurring during the first term (called a special term), of such new or revived Lodge. And in case of a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand of Vice-Grand of a Rebekah Lodge, if all qualified members refuse to accept such vacant office, the Lodge may elect any member thereto, provided, that a Dispensation for the purpose be obtained from the proper authority in the Jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs, before any such officer so elected can be installed, or can act as such officer. All offices shall be for a term of six months or one year, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction; which Grand Lodge may provide a longer term for Secretaries, Financial Secretaries and Treasurers than for other officers."

The third resolution was not approved, and is as follows:

"3d. *Resolved*, That Section 24 of said laws be so amended, as to leave the number of black ballots required to reject a candidate to local legislation; also, that the time for renewal of an application for membership may be left to local legislation, as it is in all other portions of the Order; and that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

"'Sec. 24. Voting in Rebekah Lodges upon the admission or reinstatement of members, (including initiation, admission by Card or by Dismissal Certificate), and, also, upon suspension for cause, expulsion, reprimand or fine, shall be by ball ballot.'"

The fourth resolution, which is as follows, was approved:

"In order that customs in regard to regalia worn by Sisters not in office may be warranted by law,

"4th. *Resolved*, That the clause in Section 25 of said laws which relates to the regalia for ladies not in office, be amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

"'For the lady members other than officers, a badge of pink and green ribbon, or a collar of pink and green, neither of which shall be more than three inches in width.'"

Resolution fifth was not approved, and is as follows:

"And in order to provide laws to govern certain matters in which Rebekah Lodges differ from Subordinate Lodges,

"5th. *Resolved*, That a section, to be numbered Section 35, be added to said laws, which shall read as follows:

"'Sec. 35. Whenever Brothers or Sisters who have heretofore received the Degree of Rebekah in a Subordinate Lodge, or in a Rebekah Lodge without becoming members thereof, shall be regularly elected to membership in a Rebekah Lodge, it shall not be necessary again to initiate them in the new Work of the Degree, the Obligation already taken being binding upon them in reference to such new Work, but they shall become members upon signing the Constitution of the Lodge, or upon election, if the local laws shall so provide. The terms of admission, and the proof of former possession of the Degree, in such cases, shall be such as shall be provided by the local Grand Lodge, or, in the absence of legislation by such Grand Lodge, shall be such as satisfies the Rebekah Lodge.'"

The following was approved:

"And as, by Section 10 of said laws, no Brother can be a member of a Rebekah Lodge without being, also, a member of a Lodge which is bound by law to provide fully for his necessities in the matter of attentive benefits, or watching when sick; while he is, in like manner, bound to perform like watching services for other Brothers,

"6th. *Resolved*, That a section, to be numbered Section 36, be added to said laws, which shall read as follows, to-wit:

"'Sec. 36. It shall be lawful for any Grand Body, having jurisdiction over Rebekah Lodges, to provide for requiring only the Sisters in Rebekah Lodges to perform the service of watching with the sick; and for requiring the Sisters only to watch with sick Sisters; leaving the watching for, and by, Brothers to the Subordinate Lodge.'"

The following resolution was not approved:

"7th. *Resolved*, That, in every case where any law of this Sovereign Grand Lodge confers, or shall hereafter confer, any power in regard to Rebekah Lodges or the Rebekah Degree, upon Grand Masters, it shall be lawful for any Grand Lodge to enact that the same powers shall be exercised in the jurisdiction of such Grand Lodge by the President of the Rebekah Assembly, and not by the Grand Master; or to authorize the Rebekah Assembly to enact such legislation."

The following resolutions were approved:

"And, as all laws for Rebekah Lodges not contained in said Code were expressly repealed thereby, which seems to include the laws digested in Section 1326 of White's Digest of 1889,

"8th. *Resolved*, That a section, to be numbered Section 37, be added to said laws, which shall read as follows, to-wit:

"'Sec. 37. The Grand Master (or, if empowered by authority of the Grand Lodge, the President of the Rebekah Assembly), of each Grand Lodge represented in this Sovereign Grand Lodge under which any Rebekah Lodge has been, or hereafter shall be, instituted, is required to make a Semi-annual Password for use in all Rebekah Lodges in the Jurisdiction of such Grand Lodge; which Password shall be a test of good standing in a Rebekah Lodge, and shall be used at the outer door of such Lodges to obtain admission to the ante-room. This Semi-annual word shall be used only in the Jurisdiction to which it properly belongs, and shall be communicated privately to all persons entitled to receive it.'"

"And as the laws providing for the use of the Annual Password of the Degree of Rebekah as a Traveling Password, found digested in Sections 1229 and 1230 of White's Digest of 1889, are also repealed by said Section 34 of said laws:

"9th. *Resolved*, That a section be added to said laws, to be numbered Section 38, which shall read as follows, to-wit:

"'Sec. 38. The Annual Password for the Degree of Rebekah, shall be used in conjunction with a Visiting or Withdrawal Card issued by a Rebekah

Lodge, when the holder thereof is visiting a Rebekah Lodge in any Jurisdiction other than the one to which the visitor belongs, as a Traveling Password; but shall be communicated, and otherwise used, in the manner prescribed in the Ritual of the Degree, notwithstanding its use as a Traveling Password.'"

"And in order that Grand Lodges which meet before January 1st, 1896, may adopt laws in accordance with the foregoing resolutions:

"10th. *Resolved, further*, That the foregoing resolutions shall take effect immediately upon their adoption."

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions and recommendations, which have been approved, are hereby adopted as additional laws for the government of Rebekah Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and all of the foregoing resolutions and recommendations which were not approved are hereby rejected, and we recommend that they be not passed.

Respectfully submitted.

M. B. WARD,	O. C. WHITE,	SAM. J. BAKER,
FRANCIS M. REA,	J. TUCKER,	W. S. BADLEY,
JOHN J. REED,	F. M. HUFFAKER,	M. S. CLAPP,
W. MUSSON.		

No. 162. By Rep. REED, of Quebec, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. PINKERTON and COOK, of Massachusetts, amending Section 18 of the Code for Rebekah Lodges, and also the resolution presented by same Representatives to empower Rebekah Lodges to pay and disburse from the funds of the Lodge, for the relief of the sick, the destitute and the distressed, would respectfully report that we have considered the same, and believe that the provisions of the present Code are amply sufficient, and, therefore, recommend they be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. REED,	M. B. WARD,	FRANCIS M. REA,
J. TUCKER,	W. S. BADLEY,	O. C. WHITE,
F. M. HUFFAKER,	M. S. CLAPP,	SAM. J. BAKER,
W. MUSSON.		

No. 163. By Rep. MUSSON, of Iowa, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the resolutions of Rep. WALDO, of Colorado, page 14,450, Journal, and which read as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the portion of Section 30 of the Rebekah Code, which is as follows:

"'And such Grand Lodges may clothe said Assemblies with such powers, and may surround them with such limitations, as they may deem best in order to carry out the objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges as above declared,' be amended so as to read as follows:

"'And such Grand Lodges may clothe said Assemblies with such powers, and may surround them with such limitations, as they may deem best, in order to promote the interest of the Rebekah branch of this Order; and this shall include any and all powers which are, and which shall hereafter

be, vested in said Grand Lodges, and in any of their officers, by any law of this Grand Lodge; and shall, also, include the right to any Grand Lodge which sees fit to do so, to clothe the Rebekah Assembly, which it may authorize in its Jurisdiction, with power to confer upon its President all power and authority in regard to the organization, control, discipline, administration and management of Rebekah Lodges, and in regard to conferring the Degree upon applicants for a Charter, which such Grand Lodge could lawfully confer, and which this Grand Lodge confers, upon the Grand Master,

"*Resolved*, That the rest of said Section 30, not above quoted, remain unchanged."

Have had the same under consideration, and deem it inexpedient to pass the resolution amending Section 30 at the present session, we, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That said resolutions of Rep. WALDO, above recited, be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. MUSSON, JOHN J. REED, M. S. CLAPP,
F. M. HUFFAKER, SAM. J. BAKER, M. B. WARD,
FRANCIS M. REA, O. C. WHITE, W. S. BADLEY,
J. TUCKER.

No. 164. By Rep. MUSSON, of Iowa, from the same committee:

***To** the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MACK, of Nevada, to be found on page 14,468, Journal, and which reads as follows:

"*Resolved*, That Section 31 (Section 30 of the Code), governing Rebekah Assemblies, found on page 14,014, Journal, 1894, be amended by striking out the word 'ten' and inserting the word 'five,' and when so amended, said section shall read as follows, to-wit:

"'REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES.

"'SEC. 31 (Section 30, Code). The Grand Lodges of States, Territories, or Provinces, working under a Charter granted by this Sovereign Grand Lodge, in Jurisdictions having five or more Rebekah Lodges, are hereby empowered, upon proper petition, to charter and institute Rebekah Grand Bodies, to be known as Rebekah Assemblies, within their own Jurisdiction, and such Grand Lodges may clothe said Assemblies with such powers, and may surround them with such limitations as they may deem best, in order to carry out the objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges as above declared. And said Assemblies shall be required to make such reports as their several Grand Lodges may direct. But all rights and privileges granted to State Assemblies, both those granted by Charter and those granted by law, shall be revocable, at any time, by the Grand Lodge granting the same, or by this Grand Lodge.'"

Have had the same under consideration and respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amendment submitted by Rep. MACK, as above recited, be adopted (the last paragraph in Journal, page 14,014, having been struck out by the Sovereign Grand Lodge).

Respectfully submitted,

W. MUSSON, J. TUCKER, JOHN J. REED,
W. S. BADLEY, O. C. WHITE, FRANCIS M. REA,
M. B. WARD, F. M. HUFFAKER, SAM. J. BAKER.

No. 165. By Rep. REED, of Quebec, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the resolutions submitted by Reps. PINKERTON and COOK, of Massachusetts, to repeal the law allowing unmarried women over eighteen years of age, regardless of relationship to Odd Fellows, to become members of the Rebekah Degree, would respectfully report, that the subject matter of the resolution has already been dealt with by this committee, and we, therefore, ask to be relieved from further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. REED,	M. S. CLAPP,	W. S. BADLEY,
F. M. HUFFAKER,	O. C. WHITE,	SAM. J. BAKER,
J. TUCKER,	M. B. WARD,	W. MUSSON.

No. 166. By Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned, members of the Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Decision No. 80, of the Grand Sire, regret that they are unable to concur with the views and conclusions of law of their associates as set forth in the report of the committee upon this decision. The decision of the Grand Sire reads as follows: "The offices of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, being in many respects incompatible with that of Grand Representative, an election to and installation in either, vacates the office of Grand Representative."

Section 9 of Article I. of the Constitution of this Sovereign Lodge, recites:

"All power and authority in the Order not reserved to this Grand Lodge by this Constitution is hereby vested in the various State, District and Territorial Grand Bodies."

Section 1 of Article IX. of this Constitution provides that

"Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of two years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seats shall be vacated annually by rotation, and if vacancies occur by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, of any State, District or Territory, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."

It is clearly apparent that the power to choose Grand Representatives is not only expressly delegated to the various State, District and Territorial Grand Bodies, but is absolutely segregated from the reserved power of this Grand Lodge. A Representative upon this floor derives his authority from the Grand Body he represents. He does not hold title from this Lodge, but from that of his State, and in the selection of a Representative, the choice of a local Grand Body is limited only by the provision that requires its benificiary to possess certain Degrees of the Order.

With this single limitation, a Grand Lodge or Encampment can send any of its subjects here, clothed with the power and authority of a Grand Representative. The office of a Grand Representative is a personal trust, and can only be vacated by death or resignation.

This Grand Lodge is not required to elect a Grand Sire from among its membership, but should a Representative be chosen either Grand Sire or Deputy Grand Sire, his election and installation does not of itself, in our opinion, vacate his office as Representative or absolve him from any obligation due to his constituency. The duties of the office do not seem incompatible with those prescribed in the Constitution of this Lodge for the Deputy Grand Sire.

In the absence of positive legislation upon the subject, an affirmative act on the part of a Representative, when elected Deputy Grand Sire, is necessary to vacate his seat.

A Grand Jurisdiction should not by implication, and without an express provision of law, be deprived of its chosen Representative, nor does our reading of Article II. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, necessarily lead to such conclusion.

We understand the rule of constitutional construction to be that all parts of the instrument shall be read together and no part thereof excluded that can be harmonized with the remaining portion of such Constitution.

Article III, Section 1, states what officers shall be chosen by this Grand Lodge, among others a Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, and that such officers may be either a Representative or not, and if a Representative when chosen, he can still continue to be one, seems to be settled by the provisions of Section 5, Article III., which reads as follows:

"Sec. 5. No officer, who is not a Representative, shall be permitted to vote, except the Grand Sire in case of an equal division; the elective officers shall have the power of debating and making motions, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Grand Representatives. The appointed officers, unless they be Representatives, shall not be allowed to take part in the proceedings and debates of the Sovereign Lodge, except by a vote of the majority thereof."

The duties of the Grand Sire and of the Deputy Grand Sire are defined in the Constitution which provides for the organization and government of this Body, and a careful perusal of the different sections thereof does not lead us to the conclusion that the duties of either of these officers is so far hostile to or incompatible with the duties of a Grand Representative as to make it impossible for one person to discharge at the same time the duties of each.

Certainly this must be true in the case of one chosen Deputy Grand Sire, for the same Constitution, which in Section 2 of Article IV. properly forbids the Grand Sire, during his term of office, from holding any office in any State, District or Territorial Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, is silent upon this point when referring to other officers. The prohibition is not expressly made, and valuable, sacred, personal and jurisdictional rights should not be destroyed, annulled, or rendered ineffective by implication.

We recognize the learning and ability of our associates, and ordinarily would not dissent from an opinion arrived at after mature deliberation, but a grave question of constitutional construction is here involved, and as at present advised we cannot concur in the opinion and conclusions of the majority of the committee. We, therefore, submit for the consideration of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and recommend the adoption of, the following resolution:

Resolved, That decision No. 80 of the Grand Sire be disapproved so far as it relates to the Deputy Grand Sire.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. Herring, A. S. Pinkerton, Massena Bullard.

No. 167. By Rep. HUMPHREY, of Illinois, from the Special Committee on the Homes and Buildings of the Order:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee appointed for the purpose of considering that part of the Grand Sire's report relating to the subject of Real Estate, Buildings and Homes belonging to the Order, have to report:

We regard the collection and publication of the statistics on said subjects of the very highest importance to the Order.

The action of Grand Sire STEBBINS in calling upon Grand Representatives for figures showing the extent to which Subordinate Lodges have acquired an interest in real property, and the very extensive reports made by some Jurisdictions in response to that call, give promise of a new and most interesting line of statistics, which will not only stimulate the pride of Odd Fellows, but will attract the attention of the uninitiated to the marvelous progress we are making, and will afford the best possible guaranty of our future prosperity. In city or village, ownership of the soil is accepted by all as the best proof of permanency and stability. The possession of a home is an idea dear to the American heart, and this Order, which is so largely American, will receive with fraternal pride and with a spirit of generous rivalry the annual collection of statistics which will report our present anchorage to the soil and inspire us to improve and increase our holdings. We regret that the figures furnished the Grand Sire were not complete, but believe they can in future be made complete.

Your committee believe that the education which these statistics will furnish and the discussion which they will create, will result in many new and wise investments and in the erection of scores of additional buildings, the permanent homes of Subordinate Lodges.

Your committee have considered with great satisfaction the rapid increase the Order is making in the establishment of Homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their wives or widows, and Homes for the support and education of the orphans of deceased Odd Fellows.

The work we are doing in this regard is the most heart-touching example of organized benevolence ever offered to the world by a fraternal society. The declaration of purposes of the Rebekah Lodges, announced in the Code of 1894, has given to the collective womanhood of the Order a foremost place in the labor of love and sympathy involved in the establishment and maintenance of such Homes, and the impetus thus given to Rebekah Lodges has resulted in a mighty forward movement along this line among Subordinate and Grand Bodies. We are of opinion that the collection and publication annually of the fullest and most complete statistics of such Homes will be beneficial to the Order generally, will raise up new friends and patrons of the various Homes, and will give to the managers of each the benefit of the improved methods of the other.

We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That Grand Jurisdictions shall require the directors or managers of Orphans' Homes or other Homes of the Order within their boundaries, to make annual reports, showing the name, location, date of organization and object of such Homes. Also a description of their properties, cost, present value, character of title; board of management and how created; cost of maintenance and how provided; number of children and others cared for; and the annual cost per capita, together with such additional statements as said directors or managers may be able to give, to the end that the information in regard to such Homes may be as complete as possible.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall require their Subordinates to make annual reports in relation to the property owned by the Order, including the name, number and location of Lodge or Encampment; the size of lot; the height, size and material of building, date of erection, cost of property, present value, indebtedness, amount of insurance, net annual income, size of Lodge room; character of title, whether in fee, under lease or otherwise, and if owned jointly with others, what part owned by the Order; if owned by a corporation, the amount and market valuation of the stock owned by the Order, amount of money or securities not included in stock above given; also cemetery or cemetery lot, and shall report a tabulated statement thereof to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish Subordinate Grand Secretaries with a blank form to be a guide for uniformity in procuring said statistics.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. HUMPHREY, T. T. PARSON, A. S. PINKERTON,
H. STEUERNAGEL, A. C. CABLE.

No. 168. By Rep. NUTT, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Finance:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the statement of Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, enclosing a protested check of JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, L. G., made payable to Gen. E. BURRITT PALMER, Commander of the Division of the East, amounting to fifty-three dollars and thirty-five cents, beg leave to report, that we are informed that Gen. E. B. PALMER, having refused to receipt for said amount, the payment of this check was stopped; that the amount was subsequently paid to the successor of Gen. PALMER (Gen. FOSTER, of Connecticut), we are, therefore, of the opinion that Gen. PALMER has no claim upon JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, as Lieutenant-General, and the accounts of Gen. UNDERWOOD, and this Grand Lodge, have been finally settled.

We, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. NUTT, JOHN M. JONES, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
WILLIAM H. COX, F. A. STIER, BENJ. BREMNER,
CHAS. J. BROWN, HOWARD LANKESTER, FRANKLIN RINGLER,
E. S. CONWAY, F. B. BRYANT.

No. 169. By Rep. ROBINSON, of Maine, from the Committee on Legislation:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. LONGUEVILLE, of Iowa: "*Resolved*, That Rule 4 of the Rules of Order of this Grand Body be changed, by striking out the word 'Foreign' in the eighth line from the top, and that the word 'International' be inserted in lieu thereof, so that the line shall read: 'On International Relations, to consist of eleven members.'" Beg leave to report that they have considered the subject and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Rule 4 of the Rules of Order of this Grand Body be, and the same hereby is, amended by striking out the word "Foreign" in the eighth line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "International" so that said Rule as amended shall read as follows:

4. He shall at the commencement of each communication, appoint the following Standing Committees, viz.:

On the State of the Order, to consist of eleven members.
On the Judiciary, to consist of eleven members.
On Legislation, to consist of eleven members.
On Finance, to consist of eleven members.
On Constitutions, to consist of eleven members.
On International Relations, to consist of eleven members.
On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to consist of eleven members.
On the Degree of Rebekah, to consist of eleven members.
On Correspondence, to consist of eleven members.
On Petitions, to consist of eleven members.
On Returns, to consist of eleven members.
On Unfinished Business, to consist of eleven members.
On Miscellaneous Business, to consist of eleven members.
On Grand Bodies not Represented, to consist of eleven members.
On Credentials, to consist of five members.
On Printing Supplies, to consist of five members.
On Mileage and Per Diem, to consist of nine members.
On Drawing for Seats, to consist of five members.
On Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports, to consist of five members.

And that Rule 39 of said Rules of Order be, and the same hereby is, amended, by striking out the word "Foreign" in the twenty-first line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "International," so that said Rule as amended, shall read as follows:

39. Business presented to the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be referred as follows:

To the Committee on the State of the Order, all questions in relation to the work of the Order.

To the Committee on the Judiciary, all questions in relation to the construction of the laws of the Order, and the decisions of the Grand Sire upon questions of law.

To the Committee on Legislation, all proposed new legislation and repeal of existing laws.

To the Committee on Finance, all matters in relation to the finances of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and all propositions involving an appropriation of money or supplies.

To the Committee on Appeals, all appeals from the action of Grand Jurisdictions, and from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the exclusive jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Constitutions, all amendments to the Constitutions of Subordinate Grand Bodies, or of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the exclusive jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on International Relations, all matters in relation to the Order in Foreign Countries as shall be referred to it.

To the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, such matters relating to Patriarchal affairs as shall be referred to it.

To the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, all matters relating to that Degree and to such Degree Lodges as shall be referred to it.

To the Committee on Correspondence, all correspondence in relation to the business of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Order requiring action by this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Petitions, all petitions and memorials requiring action by this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Returns, all returns from Grand Jurisdictions and from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the exclusive jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Unfinished Business, the duty of examining the Journal of prior sessions and to report such matters as remains undetermined.

To the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, all matters not herein specified for reference to any other committee.

To the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, all matters relating to such Grand Bodies requiring action by this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Credentials, the credentials of the Representatives.

To the Committee on Printing Supplies, such matters as are prescribed in the twenty-eighth By-Law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, all matters in relation to the mileage and per diem of the Officers and Representatives.

To the Committee on Drawing for Seats, the duty of drawing the seats to be occupied by the Representatives during the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

REUEL ROBINSON,	MONROE MCCLURG,	R. M. ABERCROMBIE,
JOHN DONOGH,	J. L. NOLEN,	F. B. WILLIS,
J. J. THOMAS,	I. N. ROGERS,	W. H. TALBOTT,
H. E. PARKER.		

No. 170. By Rep. WATSON, of Florida, from the Committee on Petitions:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. SCHNAUBER. of South Dakota, setting forth the fact that the original Charter issued by this Grand Lodge to Hesperian Encampment, No. 3, of Elk Point, South Dakota, had been lost or mislaid, and asking that a duplicate Charter be furnished free of cost to said Encampment, would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following, viz.:

Resolved, That the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. C. WATSON,	L. J. BYER,	GEO. W. GODMAN,
BEN. BINGHAM,	T. D. L. MANVILLE,	GEO. A. GILPATRIC,
H. H. HEINEMAN,	N. E. WHITEHURST,	H. C. WEAVER.

No. 171. By Rep. WATSON, of Florida, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the appeal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I. O. O. F., on behalf of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3. Montreal, Quebec vs. Anchor Lodge, No. 66, Denver, Colorado, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals, and subsequently by action of this Grand Lodge transferred to this committee, beg leave to submit the following report thereon: We have carefully examined all the papers submitted to us in connection with the above case, and while the evidence so far presented to us seems to be clearly in favor of the claim of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, for the full amount of $38.50, balance claimed to be due that Lodge for sick benefits paid to a former member of Anchor Lodge, No. 66, we

believe that it is only right and just that the Grand Lodge of Colorado, which, it appears, made a thorough investigation of the matter at their last session before endorsing the action of Anchor Lodge, No. 66, should have an opportunity of presenting their position in this matter to this Grand Body, as it would be manifestly unfair and unjust to decide this case on a purely *ex parte* statement. We, therefore, offer the following, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit all the papers in the above case, together with a copy of the appeal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and request them to send to this Body at its next session, a reply to the appeal thus prescribed, so that the whole matter can be brought in regular form before the Committee on Appeals of this Body.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. C. WATSON, BEN. BINGHAM, H. C. WEAVER,
T. D. L. MANVILLE, H. H. HEINEMAN, GEO. A. GILPATRIC,
ALEX. ROGERS, JOS. E. PHILLIPS, L. J. BYER,
N. E. WHITEHURST, GEO. W. GODMAN.

No. 172. By Rep. CABLE, of Ohio, from the Committee on the State of the Order:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. FLOYD, of Arkansas, relative to a National Sanitarium to be located at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as follows:

"WHEREAS, The erection and maintenance of Homes for the aged and indigent members, Homes for the widows of aged and indigent members, and Homes for the care, support and education of dependent orphans of deceased members of the Order, are the most practical modes of extending systematic Benevolence, and in such Jurisdictions where Homes are being maintained, great benefit has resulted, and

"WHEREAS, The Jurisdiction of Arkansas has taken preliminary action, looking to the due establishment of a Sanitarium at Hot Springs, in said State, where sick members from any and all the Jurisdictions may receive board, care and attention at the average rates paid for sick benefits weekly,

"Therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That this Sovereign Grand Lodge cordially commend the efforts of their Brothers in Arkansas in the matter referred to, and bespeak for them the encouragement and substantial aid of the several Jurisdictions."

Have considered the same and recommended its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. CABLE, J. C. LONGUEVILLE, GEORGE W. DILKS,
STILLWELL H. RUSSELL, W. L. KUYKENDALL, WM. H. ISZARD,
J. G. BLOODWORTH, WM. W. MORRIS, N. C. PETTIT,
LEOPOLD DE LEEUW, J. W. WATSON.

No. 173. By Rep. DILKS, of New York, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. RICH, of Wyoming, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives of Texas, be, and they are hereby, respectfully requested to see to it, that a safe and suitable hall for our next session, and a sufficient number of committee rooms are provided,

and, also, that they be further requested to use their influence against any and all programmes for, and invitations to, this Grand Body, save and except street parade and reception ceremonies, that may interfere with its sessions," would respectfully report, that we have considered the same, and, approving of its purposes, we, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the resolution of Rep. RICH, of Wyoming, containing instructions to the Representatives of Texas to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, relative to securing a suitable hall for the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the session to be held at Dallas, Texas, in 1896, is hereby recommended for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DILKS,	WM. W. MORRIS,	WM. H. ISZARD,
LEOPOLD DE LEEUW,	STILLWELL H. RUSSELL,	A. C. CABLE,
N. C. PETTIT,	W. L. KUYKENDALL,	J. C. LONGUEVILLE.

No. 174. By Rep. DILKS, of New York, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the following resolutions, presented by Rep. HUMPHREY, of Illinois, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to furnish Subordinate Grand Bodies with certified copies of the amendment, adding Section 5, to Article XVI. of the Constitution, and that such Grand Bodies certify the same to their Subordinates.

"*Resolved, further*, That the Grand Secretary furnish certified copies of said amendment to all Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge."

Would respectfully report, that the amendment, having been adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, there can be no objection to imparting the necessary information to the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies for their guidance. We, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the instructions contained in the above resolutions to the Grand Secretary be, and the same are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DILKS,	LEOPOLD DE LEEUW,	WM. H. ISZARD,
A. C. CABLE,	STILLWELL H. RUSSELL,	W. L. KUYKENDALL,
N. C. PETTIT,	J. W. WATSON,	WM. W. MORRIS,
J. C. LONGUEVILLE.		

No. 175. By Rep. PETTIT, of Florida, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned, of the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. BLUMENTHAL, of Mississippi:

"*Resolved*, That the price of Traveling or Visiting Cards be reduced to ten cents each, to Grand Bodies, and to all others, at an advance of twenty-five per cent., which shall take effect from and after January 1st, 1896," has had the same under consideration, and believing that the interests of the Order require, and that the Brotherhood demands a reduction of unnecessary burdens, recommends the adoption of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. PETTIT.

No. 176. By Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Printing Supplies, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire, Commander-in-Chief of the Patriarchs Militant, be, and he is hereby, authorized to procure the necessary paraphernalia in conferring the several Decorations of Chivalry."

Would respectfully report, that they have carefully considered the same, and would recommend that the equipment for Grand Sire as Commander-in-Chief of Patriarchs Militant, shall consist of a suitable sash, a jewel, and a double gold cord with acorn tips to be worn on hat, and submit the following resolution for your consideration:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, Commander-in-Chief, be, and he is hereby, authorized to procure a suitable sash and a double gold cord with acorn tips, to be used and worn by him when conferring the Grand Decoration of Chivalry, the jewel being now in his possession.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. JONES, WM. H. ISZARD, GEORGE W. DILKS,
THEO. A. ROSS, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.

No. 177. By Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the communication of Reps. KELLER and HERRING, of Texas, under instructions from their Grand Lodge, requesting that the price of the Italian Subordinate Lodge Ritual be fixed at $5 each, and providing that of the amount so received by the Sovereign Grand Lodge from such sales, that Garibaldi Lodge, No. 321, at Galveston, Texas, be reimbursed for its outlay for having said Ritual translated, published and bound, after the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall first deduct therefrom the rate at which the English Rituals are sold.

Respectfully report, that the price be fixed at $5 each, and that the action, as requested, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, JOHN M. JONES, F. A. STIER,
BENJ. BREMNER, E. S. CONWAY, W. H. COX,
F. B. BRYANT, GEORGE N. NUTT, HOWARD LANKESTER.
CHARLES J. BROWN, FRANKLIN RINGLER.

No. 178. By Rep. THOMAS, of Utah, from the Committee on Legislation:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. WELLS and LANKESTER, of Minnesota, that the law as set forth in Section 672, White's Digest, 1889, be amended to read as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the law in Section 672, White's Digest, 1889, be amended by striking therefrom the words: 'Dismissal Certificate' in the fourteenth

line and inserting in lieu thereof the words: 'Certificate showing that he has resigned his membership.' The section as amended will read as follows: 'That any member of any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of the Order, upon change of residence, shall have the privilege of applying for membership in any Lodge or Encampment without first applying for a Withdrawal Card from the Subordinate Body in which he holds membership, by first obtaining a Visiting Card from such Body and depositing the same in the Lodge or Encampment in which he seeks to obtain membership. Upon election of such Brother by the Lodge or Encampment to which he shall apply for membership, said Body shall notify the Body, of which he is a member, of such election, when, being free from all charges and the payment of all dues and fees, upon proper application he shall be entitled to a Withdrawal Card or Certificate, showing that he has resigned his membership. Upon deposit of said Card or Certificate with said Lodge or Encampment in which he had been elected, he shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and By-Laws and be received in full membership from such time, upon the payment of the admission fees required by the By-Laws of said Lodge or Encampment.'"

Respectfully report, that we have considered the resolutions and are of the opinion that some changes in the present law would be beneficial, we offer the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the law as found in Section 672 of White's Digest, 1889, be amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That any member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge of the Order, holding a Visiting Card in force, shall have the privilege of applying for membership in any Lodge or Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge, without first applying for a Withdrawal Card from the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge in which membership is held.

Upon election of such members by the Lodge, Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge to which application was made for membership, said Body shall notify the Body of which they were members, of such election, when, being free from all charges and the payment of all dues and fees, upon proper application, they shall be granted a Withdrawal Card. Upon deposit of said Withdrawal Card with said Lodge, Encampment or Rebekah Lodge to which they were elected, they shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and By-Laws and be received in full membership from such time, upon payment of admission fees required by the By-Laws of said Lodge, Encampment or Rebekah Lodge.

A favorable ballot under the above law cannot be reconsidered.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Thomas, F. B. Willis, J. L. Nolen,
R. M. Abercrombie H. E. Parker, M. McClurg,
John Donogh, I. N. Rogers, W. H. Talbott,
Reuel Robinson.

No. 179. By Rep. Rogers, of Utah, from the Committee on Petitions:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Bethard, of Alabama, asking that where Subordinate Lodges or Encampments have become defunct, the Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments of their respective Jurisdictions, in the institution of new Subordinates, shall have the power to number them with the numbers formerly

held by some of their defunct Lodges or Encampments, unless some of those in existence desire a general re-numbering, beg leave to submit the following:

Your committee are of the opinion that ample legislation for the disposal of numbers of defunct Lodges and Encampments is already sufficiently provided for, see Section 1417 of White's Digest, 1889.

Your committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER ROGERS,	THOS. C. WATSON,	H. C. WEAVER,
G. A. GILPATRIC,	L. J. BYER,	H. H. HEINEMAN,
GEO. W. GODMAN,	JOS. E. PHILLIPS,	BEN. BINGHAM,
N. E. WHITEHURST,	T. D. L. MANVILLE.	

No. 180. By Rep. MUSSON, of Iowa, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. GRANT, of Kentucky, page 14,451 Journal, and which reads as follows, to-wit:

"*Resolved*, That the laws for the government of Rebekah Lodges, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, be amended by adding to Section 6, the following:

"4. Provided that the word 'white,' as a condition of membership in the Order of Odd Fellows, in Section 2, Article XVI., Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall apply to all persons, male or female, applying for membership in Rebekah Lodges."

Have had the matter under consideration and respectfully recommend that the resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. MUSSON,	W. S. BADLEY,	O. C. WHITE,
J. TUCKER,	M. S. CLAPP,	FRANCIS M. REA,
M. B. WARD,	F. M. HUFFAKER,	SAM. J. BAKER,
JOHN J. REED,	JOSEPH MANN.	

No. 181. By Rep. RINGLER, of West Virginia, from the Committee on Finance:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the overtax claim by Rep. MOORE, of the Jurisdiction of Oklahoma, beg to state that we have fully considered the same, and find that the membership of the Jurisdiction of Oklahoma Territory in the month of October, 1893, was less than one thousand, hence was entitled to but one Representative, which Representative had been previously elected for two years, and that in the year ending December 31, 1893, the membership of said Jurisdiction had increased to ten hundred and sixteen, and, in consequence, said Jurisdiction of Oklahoma was called upon to pay, and did pay, the Representative tax of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150), and as the depleted condition of the Treasury would not justify the Grand Master in calling an extra session of

the Grand Lodge for the purpose of electing an additional Representative; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of Oklahoma does not delegate the power of the Grand Master to fill the vacancy, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a credit of seventy-five dollars ($75.00) be allowed by this Grand Body to the Jurisdiction of Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN RINGLER, EDWARD S. CONWAY, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
CHAS. J. BROWN, BENJ. BREMNER, GEORGE N. NUTT,
JNO. M. JONES, WM. H. COX, F. B. BRYANT,
HOWARD LANKESTER, F. A. STIER.

No. 182. By Rep. MAGUIRE, of California, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred that part of the report of the Grand Sire relating to the action of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and his proceedings thereon (report of Grand Sire, pp. 14,262-14,264), having fully considered the same, beg leave to report as follows:

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia (Article II., Section 3), fixed "the Tuesday after the second Monday in April in each year," as the time for the Annual Communication of said Grand Lodge.

Article VIII., of said Constitution, provided that it should not be amended or altered, except in a certain prescribed manner and after a specified notice.

At its session in April, 1894, the said Grand Lodge, without previous notice, adopted a resolution changing the date of the Annual Communication to "the first Tuesday after the second Monday in May of each year."

In due time the Grand Master was requested to call the Grand Lodge Session for the day fixed in the Constitution, instead of for the day fixed in the resolution. This the Grand Master refused to do.

A petition signed by the Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, was then presented to the Grand Sire, praying him to order the Grand Master to convene the Grand Lodge of Virginia on the day fixed by the Constitution.

The Grand Sire, after notifying the Grand Master of the presentation of the petition, and requesting a statement of his side of the matter, made an order directing the Grand Master to "notify the Grand Secretary to notify the Subordinate Lodges" that the "Grand Lodge must meet" on the day fixed by the Constitution.

The Grand Master, while admitting that in the passage of the resolution in question, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia "was to some extent violated," refused to obey the command of the Grand Sire, on the ground that the Grand Sire had no power to make the order.

Notwithstanding this refusal, the Grand Lodge of Virginia met at the time appointed by its Constitution.

The matter was thus settled, in accordance with the Constitution of Virginia, and in accordance with the decision of the Grand Sire; but, for the purpose of settling the law involved in the controversy, the Grand Sire has submitted the following proposition for the consideration of this Grand Lodge, to-wit: "Whether a palpable or admitted violation of an express provision of the Constitution of a Grand Body, in regard to which there is

no dispute, involves "a question arising out of the Constitution," within the meaning of Section 1, of Article IV., of the Constitution of this Grand Body; or whether it is a violation of law, such as Section 803 of the Digest makes it the duty of the Grand Sire to take notice of, and seek to arrest, especially when called upon by the Grand Representatives.

The powers and duties of the Grand Sire, in the premises, are prescribed by Section 1, of Article IV., of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as follows:

"The Grand Sire * * * may hear and decide such questions, other than questions arising out of the Constitutions of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, as may be submitted to him by the several State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, or by the Grand Masters or Grand Patriarchs thereof, or by the Grand Representatives, or by the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge."

The question submitted to the Grand Sire in this case was the validity of the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, providing that the future annual communications of that Grand Body should be held on a certain day in May of each year.

On its face, that resolution is perfectly valid and relates to a matter within the exclusive jurisdiction and control of the Grand Lodge which adopted it. It is not in conflict with the general laws or with any general principle or custom of our Order.

Its invalidity results, not from any lack of power on the part of the Grand Lodge to change its time of meeting, but from its failure to pursue the method prescribed for that purpose by its constitutional law.

Again, its invalidity does not necessarily appear upon a mere comparison of its terms with the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, but resort must be had also to the extrinsic evidence upon the following questions:

1st. Was it "proposed in writing at a regular communication and supported by the Past Grands or Representatives of two Lodges"?

2d. Was notice for its consideration "forwarded to every Subordinate Lodge"?

3d. Was it, at the next annual communication, adopted by "two-thirds of the votes present"?

The invalidity of the resolution in question appears from evidence showing that these requirements of the Constitution of Virginia were not complied with. The fact that the Grand Master's statement on admission affords sufficient evidence of this non-compliance, does not remove the objection that the validity or the invalidity of the resolution depends upon extrinsic evidence.

We are, therefore, clearly of the opinion that the question under consideration is one "arising out of the Constitution" of the Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia, and was not within the jurisdiction of the Grand Sire for decision or action of any kind.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire in entertaining and deciding the question as to the constitutionality of the resolution changing the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge of Virginia be not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. G. MAGUIRE,	W. G. NYE,	M. D. HERRING,
R. E. WRIGHT,	GEO. SHIRTS,	E. D. HOGE,
A. N. GAMBELL,	M. BULLARD,	A. S. PINKERTON,
CHAS. E. WALDO,	J. B. FRIEDHEIM.	

No. 183. By Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Commitee on Finance, respectfully submit herewith the following estimates of receipts and expenditures of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1896:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Representative tax	$13,725 00
Sale of Cards, Dismissal and Rebekah Certificates	23,000 00
Sale of Odes	1,300 00
Sale of Books and Charts	13,000 00
Charter Fees	100 00
Due from Subordinates and Individuals	513 91
Sale of Diplomas	400 00
Dues from Subordinates	1,200 00
Interest on $30,000 Bonds	1,275 00
Veteran Jewels	3,000 00
Other supplies	2,500 00
	$60,013 91

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Mileage and per diem of the Officers, Representatives and Past Grand Sires	$30,723 74
Daily Journal	1,600 00
Revised Journal	6,000 00
Odes, Cards and Diplomas	2,500 00
Officers' Printed Reports	1,000 00
Salary of the Grand Secretary	2,500 00
Salary of the Adjutant General	1,000 00
Salary of the Assistant Grand Secretary	1,500 00
Salary of the Grand Treasurer	500 00
Salary of the Janitor	800 00
Stenographer for Grand Secretary's Office	800 00
Books and Charts	6,000 00
Fuel, etc., for Grand Secretary's Office	300 00
Veteran Jewels	3,000 00
Miscellaneous Incidentals	1,200 00
Clerk Hire for the Grand Sire	500 00
Twelve Months' Rent for Headquarters Building, Baltimore (in case the property is not bought)	2,500 00
Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, 1895–96	500 00
Rent of Box in Safe Deposit Company, Philadelphia, for Grand Treasurer, 1895	10 00
Care of Ridgely and Wildey Monuments, $25 each	50 00
Freight and cartage on boxes from Baltimore to Atlantic City and return	125 00
Mileage of Committee on Printing Supplies, $10.88, $10.88	21 76
Mileage and per diem of Committee on Printing Supplies	88 20
J. F. Plummer, Jr., Ass't to Grand Secretary, 6 days, $5	30 00
J. B. King, Custodian of Secret Work, 6 days, $5	30 00
W. A. Bobbitt, Ass't Custodian, 6 days, $5	30 00
W. T. Brewer, Ass't Grand Guardian, 6 days, $5	30 00

L. W. Sherwood, Ass't Grand Messenger, 6 days, $5	30 00
M. F. Doud, Official Reporter, 6 days, $5	30 00
H. L. Neall, Reading Clerk, 6 days, $5	30 00
Per diem of Committee on Appeals	205 00
Postage on Officers' Reports and Daily Journals	540 00
Expenses of Special Committee on Transportation	57 20
J. B. Blanks, expenses Sub-Committee on Finance	24 48
M. R. Muckle, expenses Sub-Committee on Finance, $7.68 and $3.00	10 68
Grand Sire J. W. Stebbins, postage, telegrams, etc	47 00
Expenses Com. on Revision of the P. M. Ritual	134 48
Excess of bill of flags over appropriation of 1894	44 50
I. A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer, rent Safe Deposit Company, 1894	10 00
I. A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer, expressage of money to Chattanooga	41 25
Remittance of Rep. Tax to Grand Encampment of Oklahoma	225 00
Printing and binding 2,000 copies new Digest	2,000 00
Compiling, revising and indexing new Digest	1,500 00
Safe Deposit and Surety Co., bond of Grand Treasurer Muckle	50 00
Printing 1,000 copies of Journal, Vol. XVI., for 1893 and 1894, and indexing	1,200 00
J. Voegtle, Chm. Com. on Mileage and Per Diem	25 00
Clerk hire Oct. 1, 1895, to Jan. 1, 1896, for Grand Sire Stebbins	125 00
	$69,668 29

Resolved, That the sum of sixty-nine thousand six hundred and sixty-eight dollars and twenty-nine cents ($69,668.29), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the annual expenses of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, in the manner and to the extent, and for the purposes heretofore set out and expressed, and that the Grand Secretary is authorized to draw his Warrants on the Grand Treasurer therefor at such time, and in such amounts, as may be required to pay all such properly approved bills of accounts as may be presented; provided, however, the Grand Secretary shall only draw his Warrants for, and the Grand Treasurer only pay the respective sums specified, as appropriated for the several items above designated.

Resolved, That whenever moneys belonging to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, shall exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, such excess shall be invested by the Grand Treasurer in good, reliable and marketable securities, to be selected by the Grand Treasurer, with the approval of the Grand Sire and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and deposited with a Safe Deposit Company in the name of, or to the credit of, this Sovereign Grand Lodge; and the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Secretary are hereby authorized, whenever it may become necessary, to transfer or sell securities, to meet the wants of the Treasurer, upon proper representations made by the Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Richards Muckle, E. S. Conway, Benj. Bremner,
F. B. Bryant, W. H. Cox, C. J. Brown,
H. Lankester, F. Ringler, George N. Nutt,
F. A. Stier, John M. Jones.

No. 184. By Rep. REED, of Quebec, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the resolutions of Rep. NYE, of Minnesota, to amend the Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges, have considered the same and report as follows:

On the resolution proposing that Grand Lodges may delegate the power of chartering Subordinate Rebekah Lodges, also the resolution that a Brother who withdraws or is suspended for non-payment of dues in his Subordinate Lodge, shall not thereby forfeit membership in his Rebekah Lodge for one year, and the resolution to amend Section 7, by adding the letter "s" to the word "person" and the word "member," your committee deem inexpedient and recommend they be not adopted.

The resolution to amend Section 16, by adding a clause providing for the public installation of the officers of Rebekah Lodges, has already been covered by this committee, and we ask to be relieved from its further consideration.

As to the resolution amending Section 24, to make the voting for applications for Withdrawal Cards by ball ballot, also the resolution making the Jewel of the Past Noble Grand of "yellow" metal instead of "white" metal, and the resolution relating to Dismissal Certificates, how issued; and Withdrawal Cards and mode of granting same, and providing for the issuance of a certificate to a member, signed under Seal by the Secretary in the event of the applicant being refused a Withdrawal Card, your committee have duly considered these propositions and recommend they be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. REED,	W. MUSSON,	FRANCIS M. REA,
M. S. CLAPP,	SAM. J. BAKER,	F. M. HUFFAKER,
JOSEPH MANN,	O. C. WHITE,	J. TUCKER,
W. S. BADLEY,	M. B. WARD.	

No. 185. By Rep. MAGUIRE, of California, from the Committee on the Judiciary :

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's report, relating to "Observance of Law and its Uniform Administration," and having also considered that part thereof, relating to the publication of the decisions of the Grand Sire, and the unlawful organization of "Coteries of Daughters Militant," to be found on page 14,262 of said report, beg leave to report, that we find nothing therein requiring any action on the part of this committee, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. MAGUIRE,	E. D. HOGE,	CHAS. E. WALDO,
MASSENA BULLARD,	W. G. NYE,	A. N. GAMBELL,
GEO. SHIRTS,	J. B. FRIEDHEIM,	R. E. WRIGHT,
A. S. PINKERTON.		

No. 186. By Rep. FRIEDHEIM, of Arkansas, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. DOUGLASS, of North Carolina, in relation to the "election of five Commissioners, to prepare an annotated Code of Odd Fellowship," and making an appropriation of $2,500.00 for the purpose, respectfully report, that they have considered the same, and recommend that the same be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. FRIEDHEIM, A. S. PINKERTON, R. E. WRIGHT,
E. D. HOGE, GEO. SHIRTS, MASSENA BULLARD,
M. D. HERRING, W. G. NYE, C. E. WALDO,
A. N. GAMBELL, J. G. MAGUIRE.

No. 187. By Rep. BADLEY, of Idaho, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. THOMAS, of Utah, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the laws for the government of Rebekah Lodges, adopted at the session in 1894, be amended as follows:

"Strike out of Section 17, the words 'to provide by By-Law when those in arrears shall be suspended from the rights and privileges of membership' and insert in lieu thereof the words 'may suspend from the rights and privileges of membership those in arrears for one year's dues,'" so that the section will read as follows:

Section 17. To fix and establish initiation fees and dues, to be paid at such time and in such manner as the Constitution or By-Laws may provide, and may suspend from the rights and privileges of membership those in arrears for one year's dues. Recommend as follows:

Resolved, That the same be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BADLEY, M. S. CLAPP, O. C. WHITE,
W. MUSSON, J. TUCKER, SAM. J. BAKER,
FRANCIS M. REA, JOSEPH MANN.

No. 188. By Rep. CLAPP, of Ohio, from the same committee:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MARIGOLD, of Connecticut, to amend Section 24 of Rebekah laws, by inserting after the words "ball ballot," in the seventh line, the following: "Votes upon suspension for non-payment of dues shall be viva voce," after carefully considering the same, would recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. CLAPP, W. S. BADLEY, W. MUSSON,
FRANCIS M. REA, J. TUCKER, O. C. WHITE,
SAM. J. BAKER, JOSEPH MANN.

No. 189. By Rep. LEEDY, of Indiana, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was recommitted Report No. 37, which reads as follows:

" *To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

"Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom were referred the following resolutions from the Military Council of the Department of Massachusetts, viz.:

"'1st. That the term of the Department Commander ought to be the same as that of Grand Master and Grand Patriarch.

"'2d. That the methods of electing the Department Commander, and the other officers of the Patriarchs Militant, shall be the same in each State as those prevailing in the election of officers in the Grand Lodge and Encampment of said State.

"'3d. That the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to remit to the Departments fifty per cent. of the price paid for Canton Officers' Commissions under the new law.'

"Respectfully report, that after a careful consideration of the same, we consider the legislation asked for, inexpedient, and ask to be dismissed from the further consideration of the subject."

Beg leave to report, that we have again, and more fully considered the same, and offer the following recommendations thereto, to-wit:

That as to the first and second resolutions, they be not concurred in. That as to the third resolution, it be amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge remit to the respective Departments, fifty per cent. of the price paid by them for Warrants and Commissions under the new law in the manner following:

The Grand Secretary shall credit to each Department the amount due it, under this resolution, i. e., one-half the amount paid by it for Canton Officers' Commissions under the new law, and each of said Departments shall be entitled to receive Commissions or other supplies to the amount of such credit.

And, as so amended, that said report and said resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. LEEDY, E. B. COMLY, J. FRANK GRANT,
JACOB STERN, J. G. AYDELOTT, T. T. PARSON,
JAMES YOUNG, THOS. W. JOLLIFFE.

Rep. BLUMENTHAL, of Mississippi, moved that when the Lodge again convenes, that it resolve itself into secret session, which was agreed to.

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until 3 o'clock, P. M.

The question being on the motion,

Rep. ISZARD, of New Jersey, moved to amend by substituting 8 for 3 o'clock.

The question being on the amendment it was agreed to, 97 voting in the affirmative and 36 in the negative, and the motion, as amended, was adopted.

The Chair, accordingly, declared the Grand Lodge adjourned.

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8 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment and went into secret session, in accordance with the special order.

After some time passed in secret session, the ordinary business was resumed, when

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning, which was agreed to.

The Chair, accordingly, declared the Grand Lodge adjourned.

SATURDAY, September 21st, 1895, 9:30 o'clock A. M.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STEBBINS	Grand Sire.
FRED. CARLETON	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS	Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE COBURN	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	Grand Chaplain.
JAMES B. BLANKS	Grand Marshal.
FRED S. HUNT	Grand Guardian.
J. R. HARWELL	Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS	New York.
MILTON J. DURHAM	Kentucky.
JOHN H. WHITE	New York.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE	North Carolina.
CL. T. CAMPBELL	Ontario, Canada

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Chair, declared the Grand Lodge opened for business.

Rep. MERICK, of Ontario, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday be dispensed with, which was agreed to.

Rep. CABLE, of Ohio, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. ISZARD, of New Jersey, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. SMITH, of New Jersey, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. HUMPHREY, of Illinois, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. CONWAY, of Illinois, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. MAGUIRE, of California, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. THOMPSON, of California, for the remainder of the session.

The Grand Secretary presented the following:

NEW YORK, September 20th, 1895.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F., Atlantic City, N. J.:*

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of 19th inst. received and submitted to Commissioner FARMER, who has consulted with the Representatives of the lines interested, with the result that they do not consider it is possible to grant the extension of time requested consistent with our rules. Your application, therefore, is respectfully declined.

Yours respectfully,

W. FLEMING, *Secretary.*

Reps. GUYTON, JONES and YOUNG, of Maryland, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That authority be, and the same is hereby, granted to the Department of Maryland, Patriarchs Militant, to confer the Grand Decoration of Chivalry upon Captain WILLIAM H. BERRYMAN, of Baltimore, when he shall present himself for that purpose.

Approved:

J. W. STEBBINS, *Grand Sire.*

Rep. ALLEN, of Indian Territory, laid on the table the following proposition to amend the Constitution:

Resolved, That Section 2, of Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order, except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions may provide by constitutional enactment for the admission of Indians of not more than one-eighth part Indian blood, and *provided, further*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries, not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

E. D. ALLEN, of Indian Territory, J. C. LONGUEVILLE, of Iowa,
HENRY J. ATEN, of Kansas, S. M. MOORE, of Oklahoma,
STILLWELL H. RUSSELL, of Texas, H. J. ELLARD, of Indian Territory.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of $1,000, or so much thereof as the Grand Sire may deem necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated annually for the purpose of procuring clerical and stenographical assistance for the Grand Sire, and the Grand Sire is authorized to draw his Warrants on the Grand Treasurer, at such time, and in such amounts as may be required.

Rep. BLACKEBY, of Ontario, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Code of Laws for the Patriarchs Militant as amended at this session, be immediately printed, and one copy forwarded to each Grand Representative, and to each Department Commander the number equal to the number of Cantons in the Department.

Rep. GRASSMANN, of New Jersey, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows—Dr.

To the Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

For 62 Shields with Coats of Arms and names of States for Parade Carriages, the same to be the property of S. G. L.....$84.50

Rep. EMERSON, of South Dakota, moved that the rule requiring reports to lie on the table one day, be suspended for the remainder of the session, which was agreed to.

Rep. GRANT, of Kentucky, moved that the Grand Treasurer-elect, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, be installed, which was adopted.

The Grand Sire appointed Reps. CABLE, of Ohio, and WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania, to present the Treasurer-elect.

He was presented accordingly, duly installed and conducted to his station.

Rep. EMERSON, of South Dakota, moved that the Lodge proceed to consider the reports as they appear on the Journal, which was agreed to.

The first report (No. 143), page 14,572, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 144), page 14,573, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 145), page 14,574, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 146), page 14,574, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 147), page 14,574, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 148), page 14,575, from the Committee on Legislation, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. DANIEL, of Georgia, moved the following:

Resolved, That the resolution under consideration, be amended as follows: After the word "proper," in the fifth line, by adding "but no Subordinate Lodge shall be compelled to pay over to said fund any money unless said Lodge has an orphan or orphans in said Home, and then, not more than would be the proportionate part of said Widows' and Orphans' fund, as would be applied by such Lodge to such orphan or orphans."

The question being on the amendment,

Rep. EMERSON, of South Dakota, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows:

Will the Grand Lodge adopt the amendment? Which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report (No. 149), page 14,575, from the Special Committee on the Office of the Grand Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 150), page 14,577, from the Committee on the State of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 151), page 14,579, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 152), page 14,579, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 153), page 14,580, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 154), page 14,580, from the same committee, in connection with the minority report, No. 175, page 14,594, was considered.

The question being on the majority report,

Rep. PETTIT, of Florida, moved that the further consideration of both reports be postponed until the next session, which was agreed to.

The next report (No. 155), page 14,580, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 156), page 14,581, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 157), page 14,581, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 158), page 14,581, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 159), page 14,582, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 160), page 14,582, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 161), page 14,582, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 162), page 14,585, from the same committee, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. WHITLOCK, of New York, moved that Report No. 109, page 14,541, be substituted for Reports Nos. 107, 110, 111 and 162, pages 14,540, 14,541, 14,541, 15,585, respectively.

The question being on the motion,

Rep. COCKRUM, of Indiana, moved that the further consideration of all said reports be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone,

Rep. REED, of Quebec, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: Will the Lodge indefinitely postpone the further consideration of all said reports? Which was resolved in the affirmative, 90 voting in the affirmative and 39 in the negative.

The next report (No. 163), page 14,585, from the same committee, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. WALDO, of Colorado, moved to amend by striking out the word "not," in the last line but one.

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report (No. 164), page 14,586, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 165), page 14,587, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 166), page 14,587, from the minority of the Committee on the Judiciary, in connection with the majority report, No. 139, page 14,557, was considered.

The question being on the majority report,

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved that the further consideration of both reports be postponed until the next session, which was agreed to.

The next report (No. 167), page 14,589, from the Special Committee on the Homes and Buildings of the Order, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. BUCK, of Kansas, moved to amend by adding in the first resolution, after the word "boundaries," the words "and under their control," which was agreed to, and the report, as amended, was adopted.

The next report (No. 168), page 14,590, from the Committee on Finance, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 169), page 14,590, from the Committee on Legislation, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 170), page 14,592, from the Committee on Petitions, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 171), page 14,592, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 172), page 14,593, from the Committee on the State of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 173), page 14,593, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 174), page 14,594, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 175), page 14,594, from the minority of the same committee, was considered in connection with the majority report, No. 154, page 14,580, and the further consideration of both reports postponed until the next session.

The next report (No. 176), page 14,595, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 177), page 14,595, from the Committee on Finance, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 178), page 14,595, from the Committee on Legislation, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 179), page 14,596, from the Committee on Petitions, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 180), page 14,597, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 181), page 14,597, from the Committee on Finance, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 182), page 14,598, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 183), page 14,600, from the Committee on Finance, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 184), page 14,602, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. WHITLOCK, of New York, moved that the further consideration of the report be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next report (No. 185), page 14,602, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered and adopted.

The next report (No. 186), page 14,603, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (No. 187), page 14,603, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (No. 188), page 14,603, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (No. 189), page 14,604, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, was considered and adopted.

No. 190. Rep. MAGUIRE, of California, from the minority of the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report, which, in connection with the majority report, No. 114, page 14,453, was considered:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned members of the Committee on the Judiciary, being unable to concur with the majority of that committee in their decision and report on decision No. 8 of the Grand Sire (Report No. 114, Journal p. 14,453), beg leave to submit the following minority report:

In our opinion said decision of the Grand Sire should be sustained. Section 12 of the new Rebekah Code should be liberally construed, so as to accomplish the purpose and intention of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in all provisions, which are so uncertain as to require, or be open to, construction.

The section in question reads as follows:

"No member shall be eligible to the chair of Noble Grand, unless such member shall have served a regular term as Vice-Grand. No person shall be eligible to an elective office, after the first term, unless previous service is shown in an appointive office."

The evident purpose of the last provision of that section is to prevent the election of entirely inexperienced persons to fill the elective offices of the Lodge, after the first term; the evident reason for the exclusion of the first term from the operation of the precautionary regulation was the anticipated difficulty of finding experienced members to fill the offices during that term.

No other reason can be suggested for the rule requiring previous service in office, and in construing the rule the reason of its existence should be of paramount consideration. If the provision in question be construed, as we

think it well may be, as if it were written: "No person shall be eligible to an elective office, after the first term, unless previous service is shown in, at least, an appointive office," the construction would be in accord with reason and with the purpose and intention of this Grand Lodge in enacting the section.

That construction does no violence to the terms of the section as enacted, while it carries out the spirit and evident intention of the enactment.

The decision of the majority of the committee is extremely narrow, and, as it seems to us, subversive of the spirit of the law under consideration.

The law was intended to require previous experience in office as a qualification for office, in order to insure greater efficiency. The decision of the majority makes previous service in an inferior office a sufficient qualification, while holding that previous experience, for the same period, in a superior office is not sufficient to qualify, Such a construction of the law is not only against its spirit, but is unreasonable and leads to absurdity in the application of the law. Indeed in one matter, at least, it goes far to defeat the purpose of the law. The office of Noble Grand is not exempt from the limitation that "no person shall be eligible to an elective office, after his first term, unless previous service is shown in an appointive office." True, an additional qualification prescribed for the office of Noble Grand, namely, service for "a regular term as Vice-Grand;" but that does not either expressly, or by implication, dispense in the case of the Noble Grand, with the necessity of possessing all of the qualifications required for other offices.

The result of this would be, that no person could possibly be qualified for election to the office of Noble Grand, after the first term, because no person could possibly attain to both qualifications during the first term. Even the Noble Grand who served as such during the first term, would be ineligible for re-election.

The letter of a law, if plain and unambiguous, should not be construed away in order to make the law reasonable or effective, but that is not at all necessary in this case. The true construction of the law in question, namely: The liberal, reasonable and effective construction of the law, is more in harmony with its literal meaning than the destructive literalness of construction adopted by the majority of this committee.

We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Sire, No. 8, is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. MAGUIRE, A. N. GAMBELL, J. B. FRIEDHEIM,
GEO. SHIRTS, E. D. HOGE.

The question being on the majority report,

Rep. WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania, moved that further consideration of both reports be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

No. 191. Rep. WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the query presented by Rep. MCCLURG, of Mississippi, as follows, to-wit:

"Has a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment authority to subscribe and

pay for, out of the treasury, one or more copies of a fraternal Journal or periodical devoted exclusively to Odd Fellowship," respectfully report, that it is not within the province of the Committee on the Judiciary to decide questions on law upon inquiries thus presented and propounded. See Digest, Sections 1278, 1279.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. WRIGHT,	J. B. FRIEDHEIM,	W. G. NYE,
J. G. MAGUIRE,	GEO. SHIRTS,	CHAS. E. WALDO,
M. D. HERRING,	MASSENA BULLARD,	E. D. HOGE,
A. S. PINKERTON,	A. N. GAMBELL.	

No. 192. Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the proposition of Rep. GAMBELL, of Oregon, for the adoption of a "Form of Installation Ceremony for Rebekah Assemblies," respectfully report, that in view of the large amount of business devolving upon this committee at this session, they have been unable to give the matter that mature consideration essential, and, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the proposition of Rep. GAMBELL be referred to a Special Committee of Three, to report at the next annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS M. REA,	SAM. J. BAKER,	O. C. WHITE,
JOSEPH MANN,	W. S. BADLEY,	W. MUSSON,
M. B. WARD,	JOHN J. REED,	J. TUCKER,
F. M. HUFFAKER,	M. S. CLAPP.	

No. 193. Rep. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, from the Special Committee on Thanks, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee, appointed for the purpose of expressing the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the courtesies received during this session, beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby extended to his Honor the Mayor of Atlantic City, for his warm and cordial welcome to the "City-by-the-Sea," to JOHN H. GRIFFITH, the Grand Master, and to JAMES MCMAHON, Grand Patriarch, of the Jurisdiction of New Jersey, for their fraternal greeting and words of brotherly love, and to Mrs. SARAH A. DUTCHER, for her words of welcome in behalf of the Rebekah State Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee consisting of WILLIAM H. ISZARD, P. G. M., AUGUST GRASSMANN, P. G. M., J. BARTON SMITH, P. G. P., JOHN H. GRIFFITH, G. M., JOHN C. VORHIS, P. G., as well as the General Committee, have been indefatigable in their efforts to make the present session enjoyable, and have done their utmost for our comfort, therefore, be it

Resolved, That to the Executive and the General Committee thanks are especially due.

That this Grand Lodge, also, most cordially thanks the members of American Star Lodge, No. 148; American Star Encampment, No. 8, and Columbia Rebekah Lodge, No. 14, of Atlantic City, for their untiring endeavors to entertain us within the gates of their beautiful city. Also that the efforts of the local committee from the above Lodges and Encampments for our entertainment at a clam bake and a sail upon the "deep blue sea" receive our warmest appreciation.

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to the Patriarchs Militant of the Parade Committee for the Complimentary Reception and Ball tendered to the officers and members of this Grand Body on Wednesday evening, September 18th.

Resolved, That we will take with us to our homes pleasant recollections of the Odd Fellows of New Jersey, and particularly those of Atlantic City, for their kind attentions and agreeable courtesies.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby expresses its thanks to the daily press of Atlantic City for their courtesies; also to the Associated Press for complete and reliable reports of the daily proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, WM. W. MORRIS.
JAMES CHRISTIE, C. E. MACK.

No. 194. Rep. ROGERS, of Utah, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was again referred the memorial of DAVID GREEN, formerly a member of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, Victoria, British Columbia, beg leave to offer the following report:

This memorial was referred to the Committee on Petitions at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge held at Milwaukee in 1893, and complained of an injustice having been done by Dominion Lodge, No. 4, in expelling the said DAVID GREEN from membership in said Lodge, but your committee not having before them any evidence from the Lodge, showing cause for its action, the case was referred to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia asking that an investigation be made and particulars furnished this Grand Body, so that your committee might act understandingly.

We now find that an exhaustive examination of the case has been duly made by a Special Committee of Five duly appointed by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, confirming the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, B. C., in expelling the said DAVID GREEN from the Lodge, and your committee finding the action of the said Lodge legal and in regular form, believe that no injustice has been done to the said DAVID GREEN, and now recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in sustaining the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, be approved and the memorial and petition of the said DAVID GREEN be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER ROGERS, H. C. WEAVER, L. J. BYER,
GEO. W. GODMAN, BEN. BINGHAM, THOS. C. WATSON,
T. D. L. MANVILLE, GEO. A. GILPATRIC, H. H. HEINEMAN,
N. E. WHITEHURST.

NOTE.—Rep. PHILLIPS, being a member of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, did not take part in the consideration of the above case.

No. 195. Rep. STIER, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom the bill presented by Rep. GRASSMANN, of New Jersey, was referred, for amount of $84.50 for 62 Shields with Coats of Arms and names of States for the Parade Carriages, respectfully report: That after the action had by this Grand Lodge yesterday on the same subject, they deem it inexpedient to approve the payment of the bill as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. STIER, JOHN M. JONES, BENJ. BREMNER,
E. S. CONWAY, W. H. COX, C. J. BROWN,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, HOWARD LANKESTER.

No. 196. Rep. Muckle, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

This Sovereign Grand Lodge having decided by the adoption of the resolution on page 14,576, Journal, to purchase the property Nos. 23 and 25 North Liberty Street, Baltimore, now occupied as the Executive Office of this Grand Lodge, therefore, be it

Resolved, That an appropriation of $28,750 be, and is hereby, made for the purpose specified in said resolution.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
Chairman Finance Committee.

No. 197. Rep. WEIR, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business, respectfully recommend that the petition from the Grand Lodge of Nevada found on the Journal of 1894, page 14,144, be referred to the Committee on Petitions, to be reported on at the session of 1896.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. WEIR, E. G. JOHNSON, T. E. REYNOLDS,
R. G. FLOYD, D. R. STANSBURY, J. T. NEWHALL,
C. N. HALE, P. J. ISAAC, G. A. HIEHLE,
J. A. FATHERS, F. T. E. RICHARDSON.

As authorized by resolution, page 14,457, Journal, the following obituary notices were presented:

Reps. MARIGOLD and DE LEEUW, of Connecticut, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—It becomes the sad duty of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, to announce to this Grand Lodge, that since the last session of this Grand Body, Past Grand Patriarch THOMAS C. HOLLIS, of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, and Past Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, has gone to his eternal rest. On the morning of April 30th, 1895, Bro. HOLLIS departed this life at New Haven, Connecticut. For several days the end had been expected, but his strong vitality had enabled him to prolong his life. In his ninety-third year, Past Grand Representative HOLLIS entered the Grand Lodge above.

Known throughout the Jurisdiction of Connecticut, his zeal and love for Odd Fellowship was very marked. He was a genial, warm hearted Brother, possessing those traits which endeared him to all who knew him. Almost since the organization of the Odd Fellows' Veteran Association of Connecticut, he had held the office of Chief Veteran, being re-elected unanimously at every annual meeting. At the last meeting, held on February 22d, he presided at the session and was unanimously re-elected; at the time, he expressed a desire to be relieved and some other member elected, saying, he feared he would not live the year out; in a few weeks the prophecy was fulfilled.

June 14th, 1841, on the night of its institution, he was initiated into Harmony Lodge, No. 5, of New Haven, Connecticut, and became a Charter member of City Lodge, No. 36, of the same city, on December 2d, 1846. He was admitted to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut July 14th 1842; was elected Grand Warden in 1871, Deputy Grand Master in 1872, and Grand Master in 1873; he declined the election and asked to be excused from serving as Grand Master on account of his advanced years, fearing its attendant labors might prove irksome to one of his years. In the year 1860, he was Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment and served with fidelity.

In 1862 and 1863 he represented the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in this Grand Body, at that time known as the Grand Lodge of the United States, and served on the Committee on Printing, and also on the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

Words are but a poor vehicle to convey the thoughts evoked by the departure of this good old man, but the heart swells with unexpressed emotion.

"Farewell! A word that must be, and hath been—
A sound which makes us linger; yet, farewell!"

Rep. STIER, of the District of Columbia, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—It is with feelings of deepest sadness that I have to announce the death of CHARLES B. R. COLLEDGE, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, who departed this life Sunday evening, August 11th, 1895. As the busy world with its bustling activities moves onward, we, the actors upon the stage of life, are reminded that

"Life is transient, life is fleeting,"

and we read the record of the unrelenting hand of death, touching and silencing all that is mortal of man. At every session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, we hear the sad chronicle of death and feel his icy breath.

We drop the tear of affection at the bier of the departed, and turn to look upon another stricken down at our side, and we realize that the warm heart that throbbed for others woes has joined its kindred dust.

Brother COLLEDGE was a man of rare qualities of mind and heart. He lived in the affections of the members of the Order in the District of Columbia, and impressed himself upon every man. He was illustrious because his life and service in the Order made him so, and the loss of such a laborer along the lines of Odd Fellowship, can not be compensated. He was an Odd Fellow of thirty-two years experience, rooted and grounded upon such principles as are incorporated in the Ritual and the tenets of our Order. His faithful service, his constant and unswerving devotion, his earnest advocacy of every effort to strengthen and perpetuate those principles made him great. He gave encouragement to every branch of Odd Fellowship. He gave power and character to its name and purposes, he elevated its standard, he exemplified its virtues, he developed its resources, he lived and died in the fear of God, devoted to the interests of humanity.

Past Grand Representative CHARLES B. R. COLLEDGE was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, September 1st, 1838. In early boyhood, he removed with his father and family to Allegheny City, Pa., and from there came to Washington, D. C., in 1861. Before leaving his adopted State to take up his residence at the Capital City of the Nation, he exhibited his patriotism and devotion to his country in its hour of peril, and did valuable service as a recruiting officer for the army, under the call of the Governor of his State.

Soon after becoming a citizen of Washington, he received an appointment as clerk in the Post Office Department. His efficiency soon won him esteem and favor, and he was appointed Corresponding Clerk to the Second Assistant Postmaster General, which position he held for a number of years. Through changes of Administrations, bringing with them changes in the heads of departments, he was removed from office, but after being out for two years he was appointed to a clerkship in the Pension Bureau, and by reason of his efficiency and faithful attention to duty, he was several times promoted. This office he held up to the date of his death.

I had the exalted honor of presenting his petition to Beacon Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., of which he became a member October 1st, 1863. He was made a member of Columbian Encampment, by initiation, March 30th, 1864. In both his Subordinate Lodge and his Encampment, through his intellectual ability, his warm generous social nature and disposition, he distanced all competitors for preferment and was soon elevated to official position. In July, 1865, after having filled the principal chair in each Subordinate Body, he was admitted to the Grand Lodge and to the Grand Encampment of the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, and in both Grand Bodies he ever afterwards took an active and leading part. He was elected Grand Master November 11th, 1868, and filled the office with distinction. He was twice elected Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States (now the Sovereign Grand Lodge), and served in that Body as the Representative from the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia in 1869 and 1870, and as Representative from the Grand Lodge in 1881, having been elected for an unexpired term to fill a vacancy caused by death. On September 18th, 1875, he became a charter member of Naomi Lodge, No. 1, Degree of Rebekah, and was equally as prominent in strengthening and fostering that branch of the Order as he had been in the others. On April 19th, 1892, he was mustered into Canton Potomac, No. 5, of the District of Columbia. Though this was the last to receive him as a member, he felt the deepest interest in its welfare and prosperity.

The prosperity and growth of our Order in the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia is largely the result of the services of this distinguished Brother. The death of such a man at any time is a calamity. We have no man like him in our midst to-day. He was always prominent in the Order. He seemed to be called to the work of our great institution. Commencing at the door of his Subordinate Lodge, step by step through all its gradations, he labored to uphold the cause he had espoused. He believed in a high standard and ever sought to maintain it; he believed that Odd Fellows should be men of character, and so he lived and worked to establish it. He was the best known member of the Order in his Jurisdiction. He knew every Brother and knew them to serve them. He was happiest when some duty devolved upon him that brought him into communication with his Brethren that he might do them good.

"Hero he was in loftiest life;
His was the purest noblest strife."

His death was sudden but not unexpected, as he had been in poor health for two years, but he was prepared for the summons and passed from earth with an unwaivering faith in the Lord, his Redeemer.

"When such as he has gone from view,
Has disappeared behind the vale,
Why should we mourn that one so true,
Is homeward bound with snowy sail!"

Rep. BURROUGHS, of the District of Columbia, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—In compliance with a sense of duty, mournful though it be, I have to make official announcement of the death of Brother JOHN T. GIVEN, Past Grand Patriarch, Past Grand Master, and Past Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, from the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, which occurred at his residence, in the city of Washington, on the 30th of September, 1894. Brother GIVEN was born in the District of Columbia, March 17th, 1819, and was, therefore, in his seventy-sixth year. His life was spent in honorable and successful business pursuits which, while not yielding more than a fair competency, attested his sterling integrity and devotion to the principles of truth, honor and justice. His business qualifications, sound judgment, and genial disposition, rendered him a valuable man in the community, as was evidenced by the many calls for his services as director or other officer, in business, as well as in religious and eleemosynary institutions. It is, however, in connection with his life and character as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, that we feel called upon to bear testimony to the worth of his manhood and the value of a service, as generous as it was unostentatious; invaluable, yet rendered without thought of recompense, except in the satisfaction of duty well performed. Brother GIVEN began his honored career in Odd Fellowship as an initiate in Washington Lodge, No. 6, of the District of Columbia, August 15th, 1843, and continued in active membership until his death, a period of over fifty-one years. Active and intensely interested in the success of his Lodge and of the Order, he soon became a leader; passed the chairs and was admitted to the Grand Lodge, where his eminent ability was recognized in his election as Grand Master in 1867. He joined Mount Nebo Encampment, No. 6, March 16th, 1859; was elected Chief Patriarch, December 19th, 1860, entered the Grand Encampment July 23d, 1861, and was elected Grand Patriarch, July 24th, 1865. He was elected Treasurer of Mount Nebo Encampment, January 17th, 1863, and continuously served in that position, until the date of his death, over thirty-one years.

Brother GIVEN was elected by the Grand Encampment, a Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge (then Grand Lodge of the United States) in 1871, and served in that Body until 1885, when he declined a re-election on account of business engagements. While serving as such Representative, his ability was recognized in his appointment as a member of the most important committees, viz.: Judiciary, Finance, Legislation, and Patriarchal Branch of the Order; and it is safe to say that his qualifications for these various positions were not over-rated, and that much of the legislation of the period of his connection with this honorable Body, received his most careful, conscientious and able consideration, and will long bear the impress of the high character and unselfish devotion of Brother GIVEN and his committee colleagues.

Brother GIVEN possessed in an eminent degree a warm and sympathetic nature, and often were the inmost depths of his affection stirred as he dwelt with tender pathos, in the contemplation of the virtues of his departed Brethren; and not less impressive were his repeated injunctions to the surviving members of his Lodge and the Order, in the language of another, to

> "So live that when thy summons comes to join
> The innumerable caravan that moves
> To the pale realms of shade, where each shall take
> His chamber in the silent halls of death,
> Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
> Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
> By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
> Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
> About him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Brother GIVEN was one of a large and increasing number of the members of our noble Order, of whom it may truthfully be said,

> "Such men die not. but on the arms of love,
> We who have felt their power and knew their care,
> Lift them to brighter skies, and fairer scenes,
> Beyond the reach of earthly toil and care."

Rep. HARRIMAN, of Iowa, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—WILLIAM MCCOY, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch, and a Past Grand Representative of this Grand Body, died at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, November 27th, 1894. At the time of his death he was in his 64th year. He was born near Circleville, Ohio, and moved to Mt. Pleasant when quite young, where he resided until his death. He was initiated into the Order in 1854, and was a constant attendant and always took a lively interest in the work of the Order. He held the office of Deputy County Treasurer for several years. He also held the office of City Clerk for twenty-seven years. I knew him intimately for many years, having met him at the Grand Lodge sessions, and I can attest to his faithfulness and integrity. He was truly an honest man, and I verily believe that he never wronged anyone in the whole course of his life. He was a faithful friend, a good husband and father, and the community mourned at his death.

For some years he was somewhat paralyzed as to be unable to follow his usual occupation. We feel the loss of his companionship, and it is sad for us to think we shall never meet him again in the places where we were together, but hope to meet him on the shores of that great unknown land to which we are all hastening.

Rep. KOONZ, of Iowa, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—It is with feelings of no ordinary sorrow that I announce to this Grand Body the death of WILLIAM GARRETT, Past Grand Representative, which occurred at his home in Burlington, Iowa, on February 13th, 1895. Brother GARRETT was born in Lexington, Ky., on June 18th, 1823. In March of 1836, the family removed to Burlington, then in the territory of Michigan, but which on July 4th, 1836, owing to the subdivision of the territory, became a town in Wisconsin and two years later it became a part of Iowa territory, so that without changing his residence Brother GARRETT had the unique experience of being a citizen of three separate territories in one and the same place. As a boy he was employed by the firm of WEBBER & REMEY, remaining with them three years. He served as clerk with the firm of SHEPERD, LEFFLER & Co. in 1841–2, and, in 1843, was with POSTLEWAIT & CREGAN. In March of 1844, he entered the general mercantile business for himself, continuing in this business for eleven years. In 1854, he was elected Sheriff of Des Moines County and was re-elected in 1855. 1858, found him again in business, but, in 1862, he sold out his interest in the firm, and during the next twelve years served as Clerk of the District Court and Board of Supervisors of Des Moines County, being re-elected five times in succession. He was elected Cashier of the Iowa State Savings Bank in 1874, which position of trust he held until the time of his death, having fulfilled his duties in this capacity to the satisfaction of all concerned.

He was one of the most prominent and best known citizens of his own town and the State, and, I may add, one of the most beloved and highly esteemed as well. No man ever stood higher in the affectionate regard of his fellow citizens, irrespective of social station, party or creed, and none more deservedly so. This was largely due to the fact that he made the great precepts of our Order the rule and guide of his conduct. His friendship was freely given to all who deserved it, and loyally adhered to. He had a genuine love for all mankind, and truth governed all his thoughts, words and actions. When twenty-one years of age, Brother GARRETT became a member of our Order, being admitted into Washington Lodge, No. 1, on Oct. 3d, 1844, he being the eleventh initiate in Iowa. For over fifty years, Brother GARRETT was a member of this Lodge, and never during all that time did his interest wane in the cause of the Order. Passing through the chairs in due time, he served for many terms as Treasurer and Secretary. In 1849, he became a member of the Grand Lodge of the State and, in 1852, was elected its Grand Secretary. So faithfully and satisfactorily did he fill that responsible position that he was re-elected every year from that time on, almost in every instance without any opposition. During these forty-two years he never missed a session, and was holding this office at the time of his death. He was also a charter member of Eureka Encampment, No. 2, instituted in Burlington in 1848; was present at the institution of the Grand Encampment in 1852 and was elected Grand Junior Warden. In 1855, he was also elected Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment and giving to that office his accustomed zeal and devotion, was re-elected year after year, likewise holding that office till his death. In 1855, he was elected Grand Representative by the Grand Encampment. The first session which he attended was held in Baltimore, in 1856, where he had the pleasure and honor of meeting with Brothers WILDEY, RIDGELY, and many other illustrious members of the Order. As a cherished souvenir of these distinguished men, he held a diploma written and signed by them in his presence. He served seven years as Grand Representative. Brother GARRETT had just issued the 47th annual report of the Grand Lodge and the 44th of the Grand Encampment. Truthfully it can be said he died in harness, devoted to his duties to the last. A proud record surely. There

is no other instance that a Grand Secretary has held his office for forty-two years, there is none in which greater fidelity and zeal on the part of an officer can be mentioned. These in brief are the more important facts in Brother GARRETT's life as an Odd Fellow. A full recital of his experiences as such would fill a volume. He was most intimately acquainted with the history of the Order in Iowa, having seen it grow and having been an active promoter of its growth from almost the time of its birth.

No Odd Fellow was ever more earnest in living up to the teachings of our great Brotherhood, none ever more faithful to his obligations. Never to the day of his death did he tire in his efforts to promote the interests of the Organization. Much more might be said regarding his public and private life; how he enjoyed the confidence of, and was the trusted agent and advisor of, hundreds of his fellow citizens. I might speak of him as a true Christian gentleman, he being a member of the Episcopal Church, in the good works of which he was always first and foremost and also serving as Senior Warden of his parish for many years. I might extol his virtues as a patriot, who always had a deep and unfailing love for his country and its flag, or I might picture to you the beauties of the exemplary home life of our departed Brother, the happiness of whose large and interesting family had become proverbial among their many acquaintances and friends. But it is as an Odd Fellow that we knew him best, and, as such, his strong character and his many virtues appear most prominent. While the community lost in him a valued citizen, while business men miss him as a reliable advisor, while his death is deplored by hundreds in every walk of life, nowhere is his loss more deeply felt or more sincerely mourned than in the Lodge room. His record as a member of our Order is a golden one. He was a living example of true Odd Fellowship, as demonstrated by him who faithfully and loyally follows its precepts; he illustrated the wholesome influence which true adherence to our principles can exercise in a community. Brother GARRETT was a man of exceptionally pure habits; he lived in an atmosphere of moral cleanliness, a thorough gentleman everywhere and under all circumstances. His bearing was always modest and unassuming, he never pushed to the fore or sought to rule, yet he never hesitated in asserting his opinion of right and wrong. Always acting up to the principles of probity, never following any rule but that of honest methods and fair dealing in business and private affairs, he could not but become a valued advisor in all matters affecting the welfare of the Order and his wise counsel was sought by the Brethren far and near. His love for Odd Fellowship was touching in its manifestation. Next to the duties which he owed to his God and his family, he held those which he owed to his Lodge and his Order. He was not an Odd Fellow only when adorned with the emblems of the Order in the Lodge room, but always and everywhere. He was ever a friend in need to fellow members who stood in want of active help or counsel, and who never appealed to him in vain, but he went even further, reaching out a helping hand, or giving a deserving word and an encouraging smile to all who stood in need of it. His love for mankind was demonstrated in every direction, in all his intercourse with his fellowmen, and his truthfulness was proverbial. The word of WILLIAM GARRETT was a bond which no one ever questioned. But he is gone and sorely will he be missed. There are millions of graves over which bereaved widows, orphans and relatives shed tears, there are few graves over whose green turf so many men, that had been bound to the departed by voluntary ties only, bow in tearful remembrance as if he had been their brother by ties of blood. His memory will be kept green for many years in the community in which he lived, but it will live for ages in the Lodge room of Odd Fellowship. It will live in the spirit of the teachings of which he was a living exponent, which he loved and followed to the day of his death with unswerving fidelity. His name is engraved in golden letters upon the memories of those who knew him and knowing him, loved him.

Rep. PINKERTON, of Massachusetts, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—

O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?
Like a fast flitting meteor, a fast flying cloud,
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,
He passeth from life to his rest in the grave.

Suddenly, without a moment's warning, ALBERT LEWIS FESSENDEN, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, passed from mortal to immortal life. Becoming a member, by initiation, of North Star Lodge, No. 144, upon the evening of its institution, December 19th, 1866, he was elected its Noble Grand, June 24th, 1868, and ever retained his membership therein. Chosen Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, February, 1877, he became Grand Master, August 1st, 1878, served the Order with fidelity during his occupancy of this exalted position and in the two succeeding years was a Representative on this floor, serving at each session on the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah. He was Past Chief Patriarch of Mashoonan Encampment, No. 1, of Nashua, New Hampshire, of which he became a member in 1870. A committee of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge in presenting resolutions of sorrow for its loss, and of sympathy for the bereaved family of a beloved Brother, spoke thus of his career:

"ALBERT LEWIS FESSENDEN, son of WALTER and HARRIET E. (LEWIS) FESSENDEN, was born at Townsend, Mass., March 14th, 1839, where in the full vigor of manhood, apparently, he suddenly died, September 20th, 1894. He descended from a sturdy parentage, was educated in the common schools of his native town; at Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, N. H., and at Wilbraham Academy, Massachusetts. On attaining his majority he engaged in business with his father, who was a prosperous manufacturer and President of Townsend National Bank. On the death of his father, in 1884, the son was elected to succeed the father in this office, and he held the same at the time of his death. The subject of this notice had been for several years, and was at his death, a Director in the Central National Bank of Boston. He was also a Trustee of the Fitchburg Savings Bank. For some fifteen years he was a member of the School Committee of his native town, being an active member at his death. He was many times elected Moderator of town meetings, and filled the office with great acceptance and ability."

Debarred in later years, by business engagements, from active work in the Order, he was loyal to its principles and faithful to its purposes. With an honest pride he noted its advancement and rejoiced in its prosperity. He was an honored member of the Fraternity and his work is remembered in the Jurisdiction which he served. He has joined the conclave of Brothers, who with him, kept the trust in the old "Bay State," and now rest "over the river." Their work and his work is done, but we who tarry for a time have the remembrance of their leadership and example as an ever present inspiration. Bro. FESSENDEN was a man and an Odd Fellow, what higher eulogy could be spoken of one who loved his fellowmen.

Rep. DAVIS, of Michigan, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—Death has knocked at the portals of our Lodge, and the summons has been answered by a Brother greatly loved and highly honored. Brother GEORGE H. SHEARER, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative, was made an Odd Fellow in Wayne Lodge, No. 2, Detroit, Mich., on the sixteenth day of April, 1847, and attained in that Lodge the rank of Past Vice Grand. In the year 1863, he made Bay City his residence, and withdrawing from Wayne Lodge he

became a member in 1868, of Portsmouth Lodge, No. 104, afterwards named Bay Lodge. Brother SHEARER was always an active and useful member of his Lodge, and his love for the Order was shown more by a practical exemplification of its beneficent principles in his daily life than in any ostentatious display of brotherly affection. He was a constant attendant at the meetings of the Lodge, and was unremitting in his exertions to advance its interests, and to extend the blessings of Odd Fellowship. His Lodge life was one of constant and well performed duty. He had several times occupied the highest position in the Lodge, and at the time of his death was its Trustee—an office which he had held for more than twenty years. In the year 1892 he was elected Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, and previously held other offices in the Grand Lodge. In February, 1874, he was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment of Michigan, and, passing through each elective office, was elected Grand Patriarch in February, 1877, which position he filled with honor to himself and profit to the Fraternity. In February, 1878, he was elected Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Encampment of Michigan, and was present at the annual sessions of the Sovereign Grand Body in 1878 and 1879. We mourn the loss of our friend and Brother, and we extend our sympathy to her who has been bereft of a beloved husband, the companion of nearly thirty years, and to those who have lost the love and care of an affectionate father. We commend them to the tender care of the Heavenly Father in this time of trial and affliction, remembering that "He doth not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men," and trusting that in His comfort and consolation they will find that "peace which passeth all understanding."

Since the close of the last session of this Sovereign Grand Body the Jurisdiction of Michigan has lost by death, one of her best loved and honored members. FREDERICK M. FOSTER, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative, died in his home, in the city of Jackson, on the 6th of July, 1895, age 82 years. He was initiated a member of Jackson Lodge, No. 4, in the city of Jackson, on the 30th day of December, 1844, and retained a continuous membership in said Lodge to the date of his death. In January, 1846, he became Noble Grand of his Lodge, and by reason of his untiring labors and devotion to the interest of his Lodge, he was elected at the close of his term as Representative to the Grand Lodge of Michigan. In the Grand Lodge of his State, as in his Subordinate, we find his zeal and devotion to the cause of Odd Fellowship again rewarded by his election to the honored position of Grand Warden in 1855 and Grand Master in 1856. At the close of his term as Grand Master, he was elected Grand Representative and was seated as a member of this Grand Body in 1857. He was again returned as Representative to this Grand Lodge in 1863—1867 and 1890. In 1867 he was elected Grand Patriarch of the Jurisdiction, and in 1869 he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and, also, in the same year, elected Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Michigan, which positions he held for five years thereafter. Whenever and wherever Brother F. M. FOSTER was called to duty he was gratified upon the close of his official relationships to listen to his reward as it came from every hand: "Well done, good and faithful!" To him the obligation of duty was ever present and a supreme guide in life. The honors of the Order were received by him as a token of reward for a full and conscientious discharge of duty in official stations, and when these were past, he continued, as before, his active services in the ranks without hope of fee or reward. He was firm in his friendships, a genial, social companion, an honest and conscientious man and citizen, a kind husband and father, and beloved in all the relations of life.

The progress and prosperity of the Order in Michigan owes as much to the devoted services of F. M. Foster as to any other man within the Jurisdiction, his every service was a labor of love. For more than fifty years of his life, he devoted his efforts to the spread of the divine principles of the Order to the exclusion of other occupations offering financial success in his own behalf. His Christian character, charitable actions, gentle and benevolent disposition and upright daily walk before the world made him a worthy example of the most perfect type of a true Odd Fellow. He was buried with the ceremonies of the Order, and it can be most truly said that the language of our Ritual on the occasion was not felt to be a mere formality, but found a response from the heart of every sorrowing friend and Brother present.

Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative James M. Servoss died at his late home in the city of Princeton, State of Indiana, on the 8th day of July, 1895, aged 61 years. Our deceased Brother united with Peninsular Lodge, No. 5, at Marshall, Michigan, by Card, January 5th, 1874, where he retained his membership until his decease. In 1879, he was elected to the office of Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Michigan and, in 1880, was elected as Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the period of two years, and was appointed Grand Representative in 1883, to fill a vacancy for one year, which position he filled with credit to himself and honor to the Order. In Brother Servoss our Order recognized one of its noblest advocates, eloquent in proclaiming the sublime beauties of Friendship, Love and Truth, he was ever zealous and conscientious in his devotion to his duties as an Odd Fellow. By careful study he acquired in a marked degree the graces of high culture and refinement which, added to his gentle and courteous manners and a kind and genial heart, made him the true and perfect gentleman. If he had faults they were lost sight of in the grand and manly qualities of head and heart which were in him pre-eminent. A great and good man, a true and faithful friend has gone from among us and we submissively bow to the decree of "Him who doeth all things well." As a man he was above reproach in all his relations with his fellowmen, as an Odd Fellow his zeal and devotion were most commendable, and while his will was firm, and his convictions his guide, his abundant fund of good humor surrounded him with true friends on all occasions. In his death our Order mourns the loss of one of its most worthy and honored members, the State a respected and useful citizen, the widow and orphan a devoted husband and an affectionate father.

Brother Past Grand Master Thomas E. Doughty was born near Auburn, New York, April 7th, 1819. We know but little of his early history. He came to the city of Detroit, Michigan, in early days, where he engaged in the book and stationery business. In April, 1860, he removed to the city of East Saginaw, Michigan, where he engaged in the same business. Brother Doughty joined Osawwahbun Lodge, No. 74, by deposit of Card. He was elected Vice Grand, January 1st, 1866; Noble Grand, July 1st, 1866, and Representative to the Grand Lodge of Michigan at its sessions of 1867-1871. July 31st, 1874, he withdrew from Osawwahbun Lodge for the purpose of assisting in the organization of Empire Lodge, No. 238, at East Saginaw, and August 4th, 1874, was elected its first Noble Grand. On the consolidation of Empire Lodge with Osawwahbun Lodge, he again became a member of the latter Body and continued in membership until his death. He faithfully represented the Grand Lodge of Michigan in the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its annual sessions of 1874 and 1875. He was a charter member of Valley Encampment, No. 20, of East Saginaw. In

August, 1894, he removed to the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he died February 26th, 1895. THOMAS E. DOUGHTY was a man whom the Order loved and delighted to honor. A leader and standard bearer has fallen from our ranks. His genial presence will no longer give joy to our hearts, and his voice, once eloquent in praise of Odd Fellowship, is hushed in the stillness of death. Thus sadly are we taught that "all that is born must die."

Rep. NYE, of Minnesota, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—Sadly I bring to this memorial gallery a tribute to the memory, worth and work of one of the oldest, as well as one of the most earnest and devoted members of our Order in Minnesota, who was for two separate terms a member of this Grand Lodge. Brother J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS, Past Grand Master, died at the State Hospital, in the City of Rochester, April 29th, 1895, and two days later his mortal remains were laid at rest in Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul, a multitude of sorrowing Brothers and friends surrounding his tomb, as the last sad rites were spoken. For two years we had noticed that he was failing, that the mind which had planned and labored for the advancement of our cause was weakening. Hopefully, relief was sought through skillful treatment, and by change of clime and scene, but all in vain. Slowly the reflection was forced upon us, that the bright light which had been as a guiding star to Odd Fellowship in our Jurisdiction, for almost 40 years, was fast going out, that the active helpful life of our Brother was ended. Following such a sad reflection, the news that the death angel had come, was a melancholy relief.

Brother WILLIAMS was one of the Pioneers of Minnesota. Born in Cincinnati, September 25th, 1834, he was fortified for the duties of life by a complete course of training at the Woodward High School, and the Ohio Wesleyan University. In 1855, he came to the Territory of Minnesota, locating in its capital city, and engaging as reporter upon the daily press. In this city, he spent his whole life and for seven years was a valued member of its board of education. In 1867, the Minnesota Historical Society chose him its secretary and librarian, and the duties of this position, for which his love of study and research and his literary tastes well fitted him, became his life work. For twenty-seven years he served in this capacity, when impaired health forced him to tender a resignation which was most reluctantly accepted by his co-laborers of the society, the letter of acceptance being a very flattering testimonial to his ability and acknowledgement of the splendid service he had rendered. The testimonial was fully merited. Largely through his efforts Minnesota has one of the most complete historical collections in the United States. But he was not content merely to collect and collate the material. He stored his mind with data and was long undisputed authority upon the history of his State, while the several volumes of that history prepared by him, and issued by the society, are models of correctness and show marked literary ability. In the realm of Odd Fellowship, Brother WILLIAMS established a fame, equally renowned for ability and fidelity. For twenty-nine years, he was by tongue and pen, an able and earnest exponent of those principles whose practice gives life and usefulness to our fraternity, and for more than half that period he was the faithful historian of our Grand Lodge; the honored Scribe of our Grand Encampment. He revered Odd Fellowship and was intensely devoted to its interests. In earlier years he contributed freely of his time, talent and money toward laying the foundation of the Order, in the State of his adoption, deep and strong. In later life he proudly watched the structure rise on that foundation, watching, cheering,

guiding and directing the builders. In 1886, in an address to the members of his Lodge, he feelingly exclaimed, "I thank God for the inspiration that led me to join the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

Proudly I record in briefest outline our Brother's history as an Odd Fellow. Initiated in St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, March 14th, 1856, he attained the required rank, and was admitted to the Grand Lodge, less than two years thereafter. His associates recognized his ability and at once elected him Grand Secretary, which position he ably filled for two years, retiring therefrom to take a seat in this Body, and upon the conclusion of his term as Grand Representative he was chosen Grand Treasurer. In 1870, he was elected Grand Master and, at the close of a year's active work in that station, he was returned to this Grand Lodge as Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment, which had just been instituted and of which he was a charter member. Two years later, he was chosen Grand Scribe, which office he continued to hold by virtue of unanimous re-elections for twenty years, the Patriarchs then reluctantly accepting from him a declination to longer serve on account of failing health. Brother WILLIAMS brought to every official station to which his Brethren called him an intense desire to fully meet the requirements of the position, and a zeal and energy worthy of emulation. His pen was ever active in the work of the Order. He wrote many interesting articles for the fraternal papers, and prepared the chapter upon the Encampment Branch of the Order for Ross' History of Odd Fellowship. But it was as historian of the Order in Minnesota that he rendered his Brethren a splendid service and left the Order a rich legacy. He had collected data and compiled the early history of the Order in Minnesota, the manuscript of which is now in possesion of our Grand Lodge. With the cares of business and of official position in the Order laid aside, he hoped to complete this work. His mind seemed centered upon it, and at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1893, the last in which he took an active part, too weak to rise, he sat by the station of the Grand Master and, in a feeble tone, and amidst the most profound silence, reported the progress of the work so dear to him, so important to the Order which he had ardently loved and loyally served. His hope could not be realized, but upon the foundation laid by him others may complete the work. Through loyalty to family, fidelity to public trust and a devotedness to the Order, Brother WILLIAMS has left a name honored and beloved, an influence helpful and lasting. Now he is gone. His name has been added to the list of departed pioneers of the Order in our Jurisdiction. He has gone to join the faithful STRONG, the gifted SMITH, the zealous DYE at the footstool of the Silent Host. For them we can never cease to mourn, but even as we deplore our loss:

"Let us give thanks that they have lived,
And on our lives such radiance poured,
That, with the memory of their work,
Our later, lonelier years are stored".

Rep. BLUMENTHAL, of Mississippi, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—Bro. JOHN H. MCKENZIE, Past Grand Master, and Past Grand Representative, of Mississippi, departed this life on April 25th, 1895, at his home in Summit, Mississippi. Bro. MCKENZIE was born in Stanley, Scotland, on May 24th, 1847, and when just twenty years of age, he left his native home for the Western Hemisphere, and chose the liberty-loving country, the United States, as his future home, and settled in Summit, Mississippi, in 1867. In 1875 he married Miss A. M. BOYD, who bore him five children, viz.: three sons and two daughters. His

widow and four children survive him. He joined the Odd Fellows as charter member of Summit Lodge, No. 93, in 1870; made himself useful from the start; served in subordinate offices and, in July, 1871, was elected Secretary, then Vice Grand and Noble Grand at succeeding terms, and was admitted to the Grand Lodge as Representative, July session, 1873, and continued attending every subsequent session, but one, up to his death. In that Body, as in his Subordinate, he made his labors felt, and in July, 1876, he was promoted to the office of Grand Warden; in 1877, to the office of Deputy Grand Master, and, in 1878, he was elected Grand Master. At the close of the session of 1879, while presiding as Grand Master, he was elected as Grand Representative to this Body, which office, as well as all the offices, he filled with honor to himself and a credit to the Order. Bro. McKenzie was initiated in Monroe Encampment, present number 28, at Summit, Mississippi, at its institution on March 1st, 1873; was its first High Priest and, on July 5th, the same year, he was installed as Chief Patriarch. Bro. McKenzie was admitted a member of the Grand Encampment at the July session of 1874, and remained a member therein until his demise. In July, 1890, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, Bro. F. M. Lassiter, died. Bro. McKenzie was appointed by both Executive Heads as Grand Treasurer for both Bodies for the unexpired term, and was continually re-elected, without opposition, until death severed him from our Grand Bodies. During his administration as Grand Master, in 1878 and 1879, while the yellow fever scourged this Jurisdiction, his labors to those stricken with the pestilence, and more especially to those of our Order, were unabated. He represented his State in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, when the Ritual of 1880 was adopted. He was an enthusiastic devotee to the new Work, presumably he being a co-laborer in its cause. In his Subordinate Lodge and Camp, he did not cease working, and the best evidence of his labors at home, is, he died while in office, for he was continually Chaplain and Trustee in his Lodge. The twenty-one years of my acquaintance with Bro. McKenzie is one of the pleasantest recollections life could have furnished, but when the sad dispatch reached me on the 25th of April last, that my well-beloved Brother "died at 5 P. M. this day," and requested before death those around him "to notify me and to be in attendance at his funeral on to-morrow," Oh! it was unexpected and shocked me, so that for a while I could not realize what had happened. Owing to sickness in my own family, I could not do honor to my friend and Brother. As he lived, so he died, an honest, upright man, a devoted Odd Fellow, a pleasant and social companion, a kind and affectionate husband and a tenderly loving father. He was buried on our natal day, the 26th day of April, by his Lodge and Encampment, with the deserved honors of our Order.

Rep. McClurg, of Mississippi, submitted the following:

Grand Sire and Representatives—It becomes my painful duty to announce to this Grand Body the recent death of one of its oldest and most useful members, D. N. Barrows, a Past Grand Representative from Mississippi. David N. Barrows was born in Wareham, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, in 1816, the second in a family of four children, born to William and Lucy (Nye) Barrows, who were also natives of the Bay State, where their ancestors settled during its very earliest history. The father became one of the thrifty farmers of New England, and succeeded in acquiring a comfortable competency. He was Major commanding the militia at the time of the invasion of Wareham by the British, in 1814, proving a faithful and trusty officer. The maternal grand father, David

Nye, commanded a company of minute men at the time of the invasion of 1778, and did effective service in that capacity. At the first town meeting held in Wareham, concerning British oppression, in 1773, he was appointed Chairman of an important committee, and in the military company that responded to a call, April 19th, 1775, his name appears as a private. March 8th, 1779, he was appointed by the town on another important committee, and later was the first representative sent by Wareham to the general court (legislature). The maternal great grand-father of the subject of this sketch, Red Rowland Thatcher, was the first minister of Wareham. Rowland Thatcher, his son, was born in Wareham, March 13th, 1745, and was married January 28th, 1773, to Elizabeth Nye. He was a member of Captain David Nye's company, that marched to Fairhaven.

David N. Barrows was educated in the common schools of his native town and began life for himself at the age of fifteen years as a clerk in a store. He arrived in Mississippi in the latter part of October, 1835. He came to Jackson on May 1st, 1836. Shortly after reaching here he purchased an interest in the firm of Hall & Stone, but not proving profitable the business was closed out. Col. Barrows left Jackson in June, 1839, and remained away about five years. When he returned he engaged in the insurance business and continued in it until a few years ago, when, on account of feeble health, he retired from business. In 1862 he was elected Mayor of Jackson, in which capacity he served until 1868, when he was deposed by military authority for refusing to take the iron-clad oath. He was Deputy Confederate Treasurer during the war. He was many years, one of the Aldermen of his city, a Trustee, afterwards Treasurer of the State Insane Asylum, and for fifteen years immediately preceding the late war, was a United States Pension Agent. He was Worshipful Master of Silas Brown Lodge, A. F. and A. M., for about ten years, and was Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter for a long while. He was first married in 1845, to Miss Eleanor Langley, a native of North Carolina, who died in 1849, and in 1854 his second marriage was consumated, Miss Carrie E. Moseley, a native of Georgia, becoming his wife. To them two children have been born, Charles C. and Mary M., wife of Dr. Wirt Johnson of this city. Mr. Barrows and family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

He was initiated into Mississippi Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., at Natchez, Mississippi, during the year 1839. In 1844, returning to Jackson, his membership was transferred to Capitol Lodge, No. 11, and in that Lodge it remained continuously up to the hour of his death. He was also a member of Choctaw Encampment, No. 3, I. O. O. F., at Jackson. He filled all of the elective and appointive offices of his Lodge and Encampment, and was Grand Treasurer and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, his term in the latter office ending at the session of 1849. During the term of 1867-1868 he was Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment. On the 17th day of September, 1849, he was admitted into the Grand Lodge of the United States as a duly accredited Representative from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. He served in this capacity twelve consecutive years, and declined a re-election on account of ill health. Bro. Barrows cherished the personal friendship of Thomas Wildey, the founder of the Order in America, and of James L. Ridgely, so long the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and of Grand Treasurer Vanzant, as well as of many other members of this Grand Body.

He installed the officers of his Subordinate Lodge, Capitol No. 11, for the term beginning January, 1895, and in closing with a most interesting and pathetic address, used this touching language:

"Brothers, it is not likely that I shall again enjoy such a privilege as this; but I assure you that this evening will be to me a sweet memory to the end

of life's pilgrimage. And now, as my last message, let me quote the beautiful words of another:

> " 'We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breath;
> In feelings, not in figures on the dial.
> We should count time by heart-throbs when they beat
> For man, for God, for duty. He most lives
> Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.' "

Your humble speaker accepted an invitation from Capitol Lodge, No. 11, to deliver the address on the occasion of the celebration of the seventy-sixth anniversary of the Order in America, on the 26th day of April, 1895. It was the desire of the Lodge that I should be introduced by Bro. BARROWS, that the youngest and the oldest living Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi should meet in these ceremonies. The wish of the Lodge was made known to him, and being quite feeble, it was asked if he thought his health would permit him to attend. His reply was, "I will go if I never get away alive." He came, and his remarks were overflowing with tender love and sweet pathos; they were a hallowed benediction pronounced upon the members and the great Order of Odd Fellowship. This was his last appearance in the Lodge room. The Grand Lodge, at its session in Scranton, in May last, on motion of Past Grand Representative G. W. TRIMBLE, telegraphed Bro. BARROWS the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge is hereby requested to telegraph to our venerable Brother, P. G. M., D. N. BARROWS, our fraternal greetings, and express the hope of the Grand Lodge that he may yet have many days of prosperity and happiness before him."

On motion of Past Grand Representative J. L. POWER, a similar resolution was telegraphed to him from our Grand Lodge in session in the city of Columbus, May, 1894. On the 19th day of July, 1895, as quietly as an infant's sleep, he entered the Grand Lodge above. Having adorned all of the walks of life into which he had been called, full of honors and at a ripe old age, he approached his grave, "like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

The Daily *Clarion-Ledger* contained the following notice of the funeral:

The funeral of Maj. D. N. BARROWS yesterday was, in spite of the downpour of the rain, one of the most largely attended ever seen in Jackson, thus attesting the very great esteem in which the deceased was held by the people with whom he has lived more than half a century. His Masonic and Odd Fellow Brethren observed their last sad rites in the Presbyterian church, something that is seldom done. In the death of Maj. BARROWS, Jackson has lost one of her purest and best citizens.

Honorary Pall Bearers.—Judge T. J. Wharton, E. Virden, W. J. Brown, Sr., E. V. Seutter, Ned Farish, J. A. Kausler, Dr. T. J. Mitchell, Ex-Governor Robert Lowry, H. Spengler, Sr., Col. W. D. Holder, Gov. J. M. Stone, Maj. R. W. Millsaps, A. R. Green.

Active Pall Bearers.—E. Watkins, William Lemly, R. L. Saunders, S. E. Virden, E. M. Parker, Geo. S. Green, J. R. Dobyns, Geo. C. Eyrich, W. R. Harper.

Reps. ISZARD and GRASSMANN, of New Jersey, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—JOHN H. HORN, Past Grand Representative of New Jersey, died on the fourth day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, at his late home in Lambertville, in that State.

He was in the seventy-fourth year of his age. He had been an active Odd Fellow for nearly half a century. On the sixth of October, eighteen hundred and forty-six, he was initiated in Leni Lenape Lodge, No. 15, of Lambertville, and retained his membership up to the day of his decease. He served in every official capacity, at some time, during his long connection with it. In the February session, eighteen hundred and forty nine, he entered the Grand Lodge, and was elected Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States for the years eighteen hundred and sixty-seven and eighteen hundred and sixty-eight. Bro. HORN, was born April ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, at Horn's Point, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, and came to Lambertville when quite a boy. Here he resided for more than sixty years. In early life he worked on a farm. He was among the first to run a Durham boat on the Delaware River, to Philadelphia, carrying farm produce for exchange for merchandise. This was before the railroad was built. It is said that during this period he brought the first printing press to Lambertville. Next he abandoned boating, and when the Delaware and Raritan Canal was dug he superintended a body of men in that work. He was also employed for many years by the Belvidere and Delaware Railroad Company. Away back in eighteen hundred and fifty-seven he was elected on the Democratic ticket to the State Legislature in the House of Assembly. He was also identified with city and county politics. He served as a member of the City Council, over which he was called to preside, and was Receiver of Taxes for several years. He was also Coroner. In his earlier life he was active in the Volunteer Fire Department. The best part of his life he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. For about eighteen years past, he was a Justice of the Peace, and discharged his duties in a manner to command the endorsement of the community.

He was a kind hearted man, alive, with an active sympathy for suffering humanity. He will be missed by the poor and needy, and a large circle of bereaved friends will mourn his loss. In the discharge of every duty he assumed, he was faithful to his trust. In his family, his church, the community, and his Lodge, he was diligent in the discharge of his several obligations.

Reps. CABLE and CLAPP, of Ohio, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—In our beautiful Ohio, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, after its first year, from its introduction, grew rapidly in membership, in influence, and in substantial worth. Ohio Lodge, No. 1, was instituted December 23d, 1830. The close of the year 1894 shows No. 816 our highest numbered Lodge, and the membership to be forty-three more than sixty-two thousand souls. For thirty months after the institution of No. 1, the Order in Ohio was limited in its work to the City of Cincinnati. Now in every hamlet and village throughout all the borders of our State, the white banner floats from river to lake, from eastern to western boundary. You will note Grand Sire, the rapid growth. Odd Fellowship more than kept pace with our advance as a State. The revenue of our Lodges for twelve months is more than a half million dollars, and our expenditures for relief corresponding in amount to our revenue. There was something in the Order of transcendant value, something which caused the young Ohioan in the thirties, the forties and the fifties, to seek association within its lines, and a home in its Lodges. The Order grew and gained every year, and in its membership were found the men who governed the State, made her laws, administered justice and awarded equity between man and man, opened up the roads and water ways, builded her Colleges,

her Churches, and her Temples, and made possible her advanced civilization which is Ohio's glory and crown.

We speak of these things, Grand Sire, of this growth, for it is a part of our history and the history of our Commonwealth, and it is not strange, that now with the five and sixty years of existence as an Order within the boundaries of our bountiful, beautiful Ohio, it should happen that at nearly every session of this Grand Body, we are called upon to make mention of the fact, that some one of our number, who has here performed services, has now passed into the unseen country. A year ago CRAIGHEAD, who became our Grand Sire, departed. Now we mourn the death of another of our distinguished ones. JNO. E. BELL, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative died March 25th, 1895. He was not an old man, yet if we measure his years by his accomplishments he had lived long. He was at his death the best known, best loved, most useful of all the citizens of our Queen City of the West; a man of marked ability, transcendant worth, and intense activity. Faithfulness to every trust and every duty was the distinguishing characteristic of the man. When twenty-two years of age, young and vigorous, he was made an Odd Fellow, and for forty years forgot not the Brotherhood. He was a part of it, and its principles became woven with the very woof and web of his life. He was Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Ohio in the year 1873, and was for four years a member of this Grand Body, beginning with 1875. In the Centennial year, at Philadelphia, he represented Ohio. He was the principal factor in the building of the beautiful Temple, dedicated and devoted to the Order in Cincinnati. He sleeps in the beautiful City of the Dead, overlooking that city, but his life, his deeds, his works, his worth, are our heritage and as has been said of a man great in the history of his Country, we may say of JNO. E. BELL:

He was great and good, and his memory will shine in the annals of the Order and in the annals of Ohio.

"Were a star quenched on high,
For ages would its light,
Still traveling downward from on high,
Shine on our mortal sight."

"So when a good man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the path of men."

Rep. GAMBELL, of Oregon, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—It is with heartfelt sorrow that I have to announce to this Grand Lodge the loss of one of its Past Grand Representatives from the Jurisdiction of Oregon, Bro. ISAAC W. CASE, Past Grand Master, who died at Astoria, Oregon, February 3d, 1895. Bro. CASE was born September 12th, 1831, near Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana. On the 1st of April, 1850, in company with three others, he started for the Pacific Coast. After enduring the usual hardships of a six months trip across the plains, he arrived in Oregon, where ever since he has resided. He early associated himself with the Order of Odd Fellows and proved by his pure and upright life and generous disposition, a bright and faithful exemplar of the teachings of our Order. He was installed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon May 20th, 1880, and served in that capacity with distinguished ability. He was elected as one of the Representatives to this Grand Body from the Grand Lodge of Oregon in May, 1884, but owing to the cares of his business, was unable to serve his Jurisdiction in but one session. Bro. CASE was always a man of affairs, ready to assist and promote every legitimate enterprise with his means and influence. Enterprising

and public spirited, he took an active part in the upbuilding of the city and State of his adoption, and in all positions of trust he discharged the duties with ability and fidelity. He was cordial and warm hearted to an extreme and always conveyed by the light of his eye and the clasp of his hand, assurance of friendly regard, which the many who enjoyed his acquaintance will not soon forget. After a long life of usefulness and devotion to Odd Fellowship, though dead, he yet speaketh, in his example, in his incorruptible integrity and in his good works for humanity. His memory is to us precious, and his virtues remain a legacy to his surviving co-laborers in the cause to which he gave the strength of his manhood.

Rep. FARNHAM, of Rhode Island, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—In presenting this memorial tribute to a former member of this Body, I am profoundly impressed with the truth that

"The air is full of farewells to the dying
And mournings for the dead."

WILLIAM W. KNIGHT, Past Grand Master, and Past Grand Representative of Rhode Island, died in the town of Apponaug, in that State, on the nation's natal day, July 4th, 1895, aged 77 years. A widow and two daughters survive him. Of country birth and rural training, he naturally inherited and imbibed those hardy traits which well fitted him for an active career. Born to work, he early learned to appreciate the value of labor, and he never shirked a duty or lagged in the struggle of life. Ever on the alert for a higher attainment, or, with progressive spirit, pushing forward to some new accomplishment, he yet was never obtrusive or overbearing. His boyhood was passed on the home farm in his native town, Cranston, R. I., where he attended the district schools. Farming, however, did not meet the demands of his nature, and he determined to enter upon a mechanical career. Hence, early in life he was apprenticed to the jewelry trade, which he thoroughly acquired, and to which he devoted the major part of his life. Possessed with a venturous spirit, he made a trip through the South and West during and subsequent to the panic of 1837, gaining an experience from travel valuable to him in after life. Financially this trip proved a failure, and in 1840 he returned to his native State and to the jewelry business. In 1847 he associated himself with JONATHAN M. WHEELER (a former member of this Body, and whose demise was noted at its last session), in the jewelry business, under the firm name of WHEELER, KNIGHT & Co., continuing this relation for seven years. Following this he was a member of the firm of POTTER & KNIGHT, in the same line of trade. He continued in business until the breaking out of the civil war, and was always noted for his sterling integrity and uprightness of character. In his association with the firms of which he was a member, he was the traveling salesman, and in that capacity became well and favorably known, forming friendships severed only by his death. During the civil war he was for a while proprietor of a hotel in Newbern, N. C., subsequently returning home, and again engaging as a traveling salesman, which position he filled for several jewelry firms, and, as such, was, for a number of years, a resident of New York City. With advancing age he was compelled to relinquish business pursuits, and for a number of years had lived somewhat in retirement with friends in the town where he died. He had been in failing health from the February previous to his death.

Brother KNIGHT became an Odd Fellow in November, 1843, uniting with Eagle Lodge, No. 2, Providence, continuing his relation with that Lodge until his death, with the exception of about four years in the sixties, when

he was non-affiliated. Passing the chair of his Subordinate Lodge, he was admitted to the Grand Lodge in November, 1844, in which Body he at once took an active and interested part. He was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1845, and Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1848. In 1850 he was elected Grand Master of Rhode Island. In this latter position he was progressive and faithful. He had the honor of instituting three of Rhode Island's best Lodges, Washington, No. 11, while he was Deputy Grand Master, and Manufacturers, No. 15, and Friendship, No. 16, as Grand Master. Until within a few weeks of his death he was frequent in his visits to Lodges in the neighborhood of his home, to the Grand Secretary's office in Providence, and delighted to meet and fraternize with his Brother Odd Fellows. But he is gone! We miss his genial face, his hearty hand-grasp, and his familiar voice, and we abide only for a little while, when we, too, shall obey the summons to enter the eternal Grand Lodge.

Rep. FARRAR, of Vermont, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—As one of the Representatives from Vermont it becomes my duty to announce the passing over the silent river in the fullness of years, after enjoying the plenitude of official honors and the esteem of the Brotherhood, Past Grand Master, and Past Grand Representative, Rev. Dr. CHARLES WOODHOUSE, at a ripe age of eighty-one years. In his death our Jurisdiction mourns the loss of one of the oldest and most devoted members and servants of Odd Fellowship: the only Brother who twice occupied the position of Grand Master. In all these positions he manifested the earnestness and zeal which were characteristic of his nature, in all the relations of life. He performed his duty always without fear or ostentation. A representative Odd Fellow and a generous friend of humanity has laid down life's burdens. His life and labors are an example, indicating what honest industry, integrity and fidelity to duty may accomplish, when coupled with courage and ability. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1813. At an early age he was bound out to learn the silversmith trade, at Albany, New York. His leisure hours he gave to study and improvement, and was one of the founders of the Young Men's Association of Albany, now a vigorous institution, of more than fifty years, and at its semi-centennial he was one of the two living founders present. After his term of service ended, he began preparation for the Universalist ministry, under the ordinance of his brother-in-law, the Rev. I. D. WILLIAMSON, D. D., who so long and ably bore the banner of Friendship, Love and Truth in many communities where he labored, and who had a seat in this Sovereign Grand Body for a series of terms from several Jurisdictions in which he made his home. Dr. WOODHOUSE preached his first sermon at Lansingburg, New York, in 1833, and continued in the ministry for nearly half a century. In the meantime he became a homeopathic physician, practicing the profession successfully for several years; he was for five years professor and lecturer on diseases of the nerves, in the Hahnemann Homeopathic College at Cleveland, Ohio, and published a valuable treatise upon the subject. After an itinerant life of half a century he finally settled at Rutland, Vermont, where he died, October 15th, 1894.

He received his favorable impression of Odd Fellowship from his early friend, the gifted and devoted apostle of the Order, Dr. WILLIAMSON, and was initiated at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1848. He was a charter member of two Lodges, Otter Creek, No. 12, and Killington Lodge, No. 29, both located at Rutland, and was also a member of the Encampment and Rebekah branches of the Fraternity. He was Grand Representative in 1876–1877, and Grand Master in 1881 and 1882. He served in public civil

life two terms, as Mayor of Rutland. Past Grand Representative Woodhouse had clear and intellectual views on the great questions of public concern, and was ever fearless, strong and forcible in the advocacy and presentation of those views. What he conceived to be false he met with a withering sarcasm, irony and wit, making them appear insignificant; while he magnified, dignified and exalted that which he thought to be true in his theories of political economy and government. Where principle was involved, with him there was no compromise. Upon his public record there was no blot or stain.

In religious thought he had no sympathy with that which he conceived to be narrow and sectarian, and cared only to consider questions of practical importance in the adavncement of Christ's Kingdom, and of valuable interest to human career and destiny. As an Odd Fellow he left an enduring impression, and an honorable name that will live in regardful memory. His was a ripe and well-rounded life. Every responsibility had been manfully met and duly and faithfully performed in all relations, and the end of life, the best interests of humanity and fraternity have been thereby subserved. While the departure of this representative citizen and Odd Fellow occasions sorrow, there is consolation in feeling assured, that in doing his life-work well, the world is better for his having lived in it.

Rep. Hiehle, of West Virginia, submitted the following:

Grand Sire and Representatives—Since the last session of this Grand Lodge the Jurisdiction of West Virginia has been called to mourn the loss of an honored member of our Order. Colley Shriver, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative, died at his home in Wellsburg, on the 24th day of February, 1895, aged 54 years. He was born in Fayette County, Pa., June 16th, 1841; studied medicine under Dr. I. Jackson, in Brownsville, Fayette County, Pa, and graduated at the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pa. Brother Shriver had been a member of our Order for thirty years. His career as an Odd Fellow commenced in 1865, when he joined the Order at Upper Middletown, Fayette County, Pa. A few years later we find him a charter member of Triumph Lodge, No. 613, which was instituted at Brownsville, Fayette County, Pa., June, 1868. Soon after he removed to Wellsburg, West Virginia and at once sought admission by Card into Brooks Lodge, No. 5, in 1869. There he filled the several stations with credit to himself and honor to the institution. In 1878, he withdrew only for the purpose of assisting in the formation of Bethany Lodge, No. 87, which was instituted July 16th, and there retained membership until his death. In the Encampment branch of our Order he was admitted to Wallford Encampment, No. 8, on January 14th, 1879, elected and installed Chief Patriarch July, 1880, admitted to the Grand Encampment of West Virginia in October, 1880, passed the G. P. chair in 1883, and served in this Grand Lodge as Grand Representative in 1886 and 1887. Dr. Shriver was a man of rare ability, genial tempered and warm hearted; his hand was always open to a Brother in need of assistance. His funeral was largely attended by mourning friends gathered from the Odd Fellows, Knights Templar, Knights of Pythias and Comrades of Perpoint Post, No. 9, G. A. R., all of which claimed him as a faithful and honored member.

Rep. Musson, of Iowa, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Ceremony of the Order, for Dedicating Halls be revised, in accordance with the suggestion of the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, Report No. 157, and that a Special Committee of Three be appointed to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. BAKER, of Illinois, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Code of Laws for the Rebekah Degree, as amended at this session, be immediately printed and three copies thereof sent to each Representative, and a sufficient number to each Grand Lodge to furnish each Lodge in its Jurisdiction with one copy.

Rep. CABLE, of Ohio, moved the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body are hereby tendered to Bro. H. L. NEALL for the very efficient services rendered by him as Reading Clerk during this session.

The Chair announced the following:

Committee on Printing Supplies—Reps. JOHN M. JONES, of Maryland; GEORGE W. DILKS, of New York; W. H. ISZARD, of New Jersey; Grand Secretary THEO. A. ROSS; Grand Treasurer, M. R. MUCKLE.

Special Committee to Revise the Rebekah Ritual—Reps. M. S. CLAPP, of Ohio; JACOB STERN, of New York; W. H. COX, of Kentucky.

Special Committee to Prepare a Form of Installation Ceremony for Rebekah Assemblies—Reps. F. M. REA, of Pennsylvania; GEORGE W. GODMAN, of Maryland; GEORGE N. NUTT, of New Jersey.

Special Committee to Revise the Ceremony for Dedicating Halls—Reps. C. E. WALDO, of Colorado; F. B. WILLIS, of Idaho; F. B. BRYANT, of Nebraska.

Sub-Committee on Finance—Reps. E. S. CONWAY, of Illinois; F. A. STIER, of the District of Columbia.

Special Committee to Revise the P. M. Ritual—Reps. FRANCIS E. MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts; A. C. CABLE, of Ohio; E. S. CONWAY, of Illinois.

Special Committee to Revise the Anniversary Ceremony—Reps. J. W. GOODELL, of Vermont; EDGAR WHITLOCK, of New York; GEO. A. BAILEY, of New Hampshire; LEOPOLD DE LEEUW, of Connecticut; J. E. C. FARNHAM, of Rhode Island.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, (11:45 A. M.), moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn, *sine die*, which was agreed to.

The officers and members united in singing the Closing Ode of the Order, on the conclusion of which,

The Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Benefactor, from whom cometh all wisdom and power, we acknowledge our daily dependence upon Thee for all that we have and are. We thank Thee for unnumbered mercies and blessings scattered throughout our lives. We thank Thee for inspiring us with that spirit of charity and benevolence, which leads us to labor earnestly in our several

stations for the strengthening and building up of our great Brotherhood, in its mission of mercy and helpfulness to the sons and daughters of affliction. We thank Thee for having brought us to the close of another annual session of this Grand Body, and pray that its legislative work may be productive of lasting benefit to our fraternity, wherever its principles are known and loved.

We thank Thee for the fraternal spirit which has prevailed, and for the kind and hospitable reception given us by the Brethren of this Jurisdiction. May peace and prosperity rest upon and abide with them. According to Thy promise, be Thou the widow's God and the Father of the fatherless. And now we invoke Thy divine blessing upon us, as we journey to our several homes. Defend us from all the perils and dangers of travel, that in due time we may reach our destinations, in health and safety.

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

Theo. A. Roff

Grand Secretary.

PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING THE SESSION.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, requested to record in the Journal of each session the names of Past Grand Representatives who may be present (and report to said officer), and that a copy of the Revised Journal be mailed to each Past Grand Representative whose name may appear therein.—*Journal,* 1870, *page* 4,861.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1. William H. Comley	Bridgeport, Connecticut.
2. W. H. Cox	New Haven, Connecticut.
3. J. L. Hungerford	New Haven, Connecticut.
4. C. C. Jackson	Ansonia, Connecticut.
5. Geo. N. Moses	New Haven, Connecticut.
6. Chas. B. Ware	New London, Connecticut.
7. J. H. Appleby	Wilmington, Delaware.
8. D. W. Brereton	Lewes, Delaware.
9. E. W. Cooper	Camden, Delaware.
10. Alex. Guthrie	Hockessin, Delaware.
11. Edwin Hirst	Wilmington, Delaware.
12. John T. Jakes	Wyoming, Delaware.
13. Geo. C. Morton	Wilmington, Delaware.
14. A. N. Grant	Indianapolis, Indiana.
15. John F. Plummer, Jr.	Baltimore, Maryland.
16. Jay B. Crawford	Boston, Massachusetts.
17. H. J. Strouse	St. Paul, Minnesota.
18. J. T. Hedrick	Tecumseh, Nebraska.
19. John W. Bourlet	Concord, New Hampshire.
20. D. C. Langdon	Brooklyn, New York.
21. W. A. Bobbitt	Oxford, North Carolina.
22. W. H. Clark, (North Carolina)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
23. Sam'l F. Gwinner	Taylorsville, Pennsylvania.
24. S. E. Blauvelt	Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
25. Aug. C. Witte	Aberdeen, South Dakota.
26. L. G. Burnham	Burlington, Vermont.
27. H. L. Stillson	Bennington, Vermont.
28. Geo. B. Davis	Richmond, Virginia.

APPENDIX.

WELCOME TO THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, ON THE OCEAN PIER, MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 16TH. ADDRESSES OF WELCOME BY MAYOR FRANKLIN P. STOY; JOHN H. GRIFFITH, GRAND MASTER; JAMES MCMAHON, GRAND PATRIARCH; MRS. SARAH A. DUTCHER, PRESIDENT OF THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF NEW JERSEY; RESPONSE OF THE GRAND SIRE. CLAM BAKE AT SOUTH ATLANTIC, MONDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 16TH AND EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE ENCAMPMENT WORK AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL, MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 16TH, ETC.

GRAND PARADE TUESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 17TH.

REUNION OF PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AND EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE LODGE WORK AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL, TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 17TH.

THE CONFERRING OF THE GRAND DECORATION OF CHIVALRY; COMPLIMENTARY RECEPTION AND BALL, IN HONOR OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, AT THE UNITED STATES HOTEL AND EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE REBEKAH WORK AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL, WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 18TH.

THE OCEAN SAIL FROM THE INLET, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 20TH.

The following epitomize the above events:

WELCOME TO THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Officers and Representatives assembled at 8:45 A. M., Monday morning, September 16th, at the Hotel Dennis, and marched to Young and McShea's Ocean Pier, on which was the Pavilion in which the session was to be held. The Pavilion was profusely decorated with flags and colored lanterns, and the scene presented was georgeous and picturesque in the extreme. The fair sex was well represented in the large audience assembled to hear and witness the reception ceremonies. After a musical selection by the band stationed on the stage in the ocean end of the pavilion and an appropriate prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain, the Master of Ceremonies

WM. H. ISZARD, GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF NEW JERSEY

Addressed the assemblage as follows:

GRAND SIRE, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—In behalf of the Executive Committee, and the several committees appointed to entertain this Grand Body about to assemble in its seventy-first annual session, I welcome you to the Jurisdiction of New Jersey and to the hospitality of our New Jersey Odd Fellows and their friends. In bringing you from all points of the compass to our State, and coming as you do as Odd Fellows and friends, we introduce you to a people whose hearts are full of love and sympathy for and with the benign influences and beneficence of the cardinal principles of this great Brotherhood of Odd Fellows. Our people have read the history; they know the work and labor that you have done and performed, and they know the great results. We, therefore, heartily welcome you with our whole hearts and our hands wide open. We have selected a place, perhaps unlike any other that you have ever convened in, one which, if you cannot accomodate yourselves to it, can accomodate itself to you. Last year you had your session above the clouds, on the top of Lookout Mountain, catching heavenly inspiration. This year we have provided you a place in this spacious building, out upon and overlooking the great Atlantic, Queen of Oceans, so that in looking out of these windows you can realize for a truth that the "Globe is our Field." In this city, the "city by the sea," nature has provided entertainment for you all, and leaves but little for us to do. We hope you will all be happy, as everything to this end has been done that we could think of. Should any apparent slight, by reason of oversight or otherwise, come to any of you, you will confer a favor upon the committee by reporting the same at once. It cannot be expected that so much machinery can be moved without some friction, and being human, as I know you all are as well as ourselves, you will exercise that degree of charity, that properly and solemnly belongs to Odd Fellowship. We have but one object, and that is your complete comfort during your stay in Jersey. Feeling as we do that this may be the last, as it is the first time the Sovereign Grand Lodge will ever meet within our borders, in your history and ours, we wish that, when you leave the "city by the sea" and New Jersey to return to your homes, you will take back with you a souvenir, not such as may be purchased along the Boardwalk or in our beautiful stores, but a souvenir of *thought*, placed deeply and permanently in your memories, and that souvenir to be *happy and satisfactory recollections of the seventy-first session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.*

I regret very sincerely that I cannot have the honor and pleasure of introducing to you the Governor of our State, the HON. GEO. T. WERTZ. I have his letter of regret, stating that he had to take an early train this P. M., for Chattanooga, Tennessee, on official business, and could not possibly be here to welcome you, as he would so much delight to do. I also have a letter from the HON. E. C. STOKES, President of the State Senate, saying that it is impossible for him to be here to-day to do honor, as he would like to, to this distinguished body of men and Odd Fellows. However, the remainder of the programme will be carried out, and I now take pleasure in introducing to you the

HON. FRANKLIN P. STOY, MAYOR OF ATLANTIC CITY.

In behalf of Atlantic City, the Mayor welcomed the Sovereign Grand Lodge as follows:

MR. CHAIRMAN, GRAND SIRE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE—I regret to be obliged to deliver a portion of the address that should have been offered by his Excellency, Governor of the State, GEORGE T. WERTZ, but in his absence I will be a willing Brother to officiate in his place.

There is a duty often devolving upon me, owing to my official capacity, and frequently it is with reluctance that I am called upon to address persons adorned with certain links—links that are not always adjusted with a spirit of friendship. But there is no greater pleasure to me than to welcome warmly to our city to-day a noble body of a Brotherhood who feel it no slavery or disgrace to be bound together by the comprehensive chain of fellowship—the three links of which symbolize Friendship, Love and Truth. Nowhere between the rising and the setting of the sun over this broad land, can an Odd Fellow travel or wander without finding a wicket that will respond to his knock, and the hand of true fellowship extended to him in fraternal sympathy. To-day, many that are present upon the occasion of this Grand Lodge meeting have wandered far from home. You are treading upon foreign soil; you have knocked at the wicket of this great cosmopolitan city, and Atlantic City Lodge, in conjunction with the citizens, responds to your call and extends to you the freedom of the city with all the fellowship that can be extended between man and man.

On the 8th of September one year ago, while in company with a number of the Brethren of our local Lodge, it was suggested that an invitation be sent to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to hold their next session in Atlantic City. Reflecting for a short time, gasping for breath enough to give me courage to write words suggestive to move such a royal Body of Brethren to the queen of seaside resorts, I penned the pointed letter, now in the minutes of the last Sovereign Grand Lodge Session, which reads as follows:

"EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL,
"ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., September 8th, 1894.

"*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

"GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor on behalf of the city of Atlantic City, to extend to your illustrious Body, a cordial invitation to hold your next annual meeting in this city. I will assure you of a most hearty welcome, both from the citizens at large and from your Brotherhood of Odd Fellows, here resident. Much will be found to interest your members, and everything will be done by our people to make your visit one of pleasure."

To-day I am proud of the honor of bidding welcome to you, and I feel that I would not be doing my duty were I to close without conveying to you the thanks of our citizens for the honor bestowed upon us. We will be benefitted and strengthened by the invisible tie of friendship and love while striving to come nearer that divine element, which is truth. Thanking you for your courtesy and feeling thus, you could not have paid us a higher compliment than that by your presence. We again wish to receive a liberal consideration when choosing a place for a future session.

JOHN H. GRIFFITH, GRAND MASTER.

After a musical interlude by the orchestra, Bro. JOHN H. GRIFFITH, Grand Master of the State of New Jersey, was introduced. He said:

GRAND SIRE, GRAND OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE—In behalf of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of New Jersey, it becomes my pleasant duty and privilege to extend to your august Body a hearty and gracious welcome to this historic Jurisdiction.

In the early dawn of the 26th of December, 1776, a noble, military personage crossed the historic Delaware, leading a "forlorn hope," which, within a few momentous hours, resolved itself into a victorious legion, never thereafter to realize or appreciate defeat, and at the close of that terrible day, the battle of Trenton had turned back the pages of history, and thenceforward became one of the decisive battles of the world's military record. On the 21st day of April, 1789, under the bright noonday sun, the same distinguished personage, minus the military trappings and retinue of war, crossed the same historic river, and passed through the same historic town under the triumphal arch, bearing the inscription: "The Defender of the Mothers will be the Protector of the Daughters." And as the Father of his Country passed on, the white-robed choir gave utterance to the following significant words:

"Welcome, mighty Chief, once more,
Welcome to this grateful shore;
Now no mercenary foe,
Aims again the fatal blow,
Aims at thee the fatal blow."

Forty years after this last significant passage and triumphal march, another character crossed the Delaware. Not with the pomp and parade of the distinguished military leader or successful warrior, but in the humble capacity of a private citizen—THOMAS WILDEY, the "Founder and Father of American Odd Fellowship." On the 30th day of March, 1829, this untutored blacksmith, this simple, mild-mannered son of Vulcan, assisted at the birth of New Jersey Lodge, No. 1, of the City of Camden, in the State of New Jersey. From that, to all human observation, insignificant event, we have ripened into two hundred and forty-six Subordinate Lodges and 25,000 members, good and true, all working for the best interests of the Order. New Jersey has more Odd Fellows per square mile than any other Jurisdiction under the Sovereign Grand Lodge, except Massachusetts and the District of Columbia. Far up among the hills of Morris County, in this State, rest the bones of Captain WILLIAM COLFAX, commander of WASHINGTON'S Body Guard in the Revolution, and progenitor of SCHUYLER COLFAX, the father of the Degree of Rebekah and Vice-President of these United States.

We not only welcome you as Heralds from the North, South, East and West, but bid you thrice welcome to one of the original thirteen States in the mighty struggle for American Independence. In that terrible ordeal which "tried men's souls," the tramp, tramp, tramp of contending armies was heard on nearly every foot of the soil of New Jersey, and of the half dozen battles fought within her borders, not a single defeat has been recorded for the Continental Army. Trenton, Princeton and Monmouth were victories upon which hung the fate of Independence and a future Republic.

All through this distinguished Body are, no doubt, sprinkled the Gray and the Blue, meeting on one common level, and clasping hands in the mighty cause of Friendship, Love and Truth, with the three links as the paramount emblem of this great Fraternity. The State of New Jersey is especially interesting as being the point where the civilization of New England met and blended with the civilization of the South. Here the institutions, manners and laws of the austere Puritan were first modified by contact with the less rigid habits and opinions of the chivalrous Cavaliers of Virginia. Not only is New Jersey proud of her sons who have figured so largely in the halls of legislation, both State and Nation, but she also feels complimented and honored to know that, all along the line of the history of Odd Fellowship

within her borders for more than half a century, some of her most talented and brightest minds have come from the ranks of our Order.

It is a glorious and distinguished privilege of meeting and greeting the Officers and Representatives of the greatest fraternal and beneficial Organization instituted within the present century, and with feelings akin to exultation, I again bid you a right royal and fraternal welcome to these historic and grateful shores.

JAMES MCMAHON, GRAND PATRIARCH.

Bro. JAMES MCMAHON welcomed the Grand Lodge in behalf of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, in the following manner:

GRAND SIRE, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE—I am satisfied that I can add nothing to what has already been said that will assure you of a more hearty welcome. I esteem it an unprecedented privilege to stand before this Sovereign Grand Body in a capacity which has never been the happy lot of any Grand Patriarch in the history of Odd Fellowship of New Jersey. Impressed with the scene that will never fade while memory is accorded me, silence would be more in keeping with my thoughts and feelings than any that I can express. I stand in the name and the behalf of the Grand Encampment of the State of New Jersey to extend to you its greeting. When we take the name of the Sovereign Grand Lodge upon our lips, we feel that we are speaking of the salt of Odd Fellowship to whom we render cheerful obedience and to whose mandates we gracefully bow. Out of its thoughts and inspired wisdom, flashes the current which electrifies and keeps in motion the vast army, whose war cry is Friendship, Love and Truth; our glorious Order, whose influence is being wafted to the continents of the earth, to the isles of the sea, and into the abodes of common humanity.

You have honored us in selecting this Jurisdiction in which to hold this grand session. This little State, if not the flower, is a very promising bud in our great institution, we think, and it says to you welcome, Grand Sire; welcome, Grand Officers of the grandest Fraternity on the face of the globe; welcome, Grand Representatives and all those who come to sit under New Jersey's canopy and listen to the sea's eternal murmurs. Hail! ye sons and daughters of Odd Fellowship from the North and from the South, from the East and from the West, from Maine to the Gulf, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, as ye come singing: "Honor to her courts invites us, worthy subjects let us prove." All hail! ye pilgrims from near and from far, declaring the great principles of toleration, in chanting: "No more shall nations against nations rise." Grand Sire, that this may be an occasion the pleasant memories of which will dwell in your hearts and thoughts, long after it has become a matter of history in Odd Fellowship, is the sincere wish of your humble servant.

MRS. SARAH A. DUTCHER, PRESIDENT OF THE REBEKAH STATE ASSEMBLY.

Sister SARAH A. DUTCHER, in behalf of the Rebekah Assembly of New Jersey, made the following address of welcome:

GRAND SIRE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.—In behalf of the Sisters of the Rebekah branch of our Order in this Jurisdiction, it becomes my pleasant duty to extend to you our most cordial and fraternal welcome. While we cannot pretend to address you with the eloquent tongue of our Brethren of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, nevertheless, our welcome is as hearty as can flow from *womanly, loyal* hearts. That your sojourn at this beautiful "city by the sea" may prove pleasant

to yourselves, and prolific of good results to the thousands for whose welfare and happiness you assemble and legislate, is the prayer of the Daughters of Rebekah of New Jersey. If Odd Fellowship is designed to teach us right living, to let into the home of the sorrowing and afflicted God's glad sunlight of love; if the object and purposes of the Rebekah Lodges be to aid in the establishment of Homes for our aged Brethren and their wives, and for the care and education of our orphans, then a broad field for *women's* labors is opened to us. We notice with pleasure that in some of the Jurisdictions, Homes and Orphanages are being successfully established and maintained. May we not indulge in the hope that the time is not far distant when we can point with pride and pleasure to *our* Orphanage built and maintained by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of our State.

Odd Fellowship has impressed its influence, and *for good*, on the life of the nation. Each man's life, is every man's lesson, teaching us to avoid the example of the evil doer and do only good. And a band of New Jersey Rebekahs, as loyal as any within the broad domain of Odd Fellowship, stands ready and willing to labor for the accomplishment of the objects and high purposes for which our Lodges were instituted.

We wish to thank you for the new laws which you have given us, and which have opened up a broader field for women's work. They have been cheerfully and gratefully accepted and will be used to benefit us, as they were meant to do. Again extending to your *Sovereign* Lodge a hearty New Jersey welcome, and trusting that your session may to each and all, prove pleasant and profitable, that your good work may result in increasing and extending its usefulness, and that many more members may be brought into the fold of Friendship, Love and Truth, are the earnest desires of the Daughters of Rebekah.

GRAND SIRE STEBBINS' RESPONSE.

To the cordial welcomes received from the New Jersey Brethren and Sisters, Grand Sire STEBBINS made the following response:

BROTHER CHAIRMAN—To this brilliant array of cordial welcomes to this "city-by-the-sea," from his Honor the Mayor, the Grand Master, Grand Patriarch, and President of the Grand Assembly of Noble Women, of this Grand Jurisdiction, language fails to furnish a suitable response. The freedom of the city, so generously tendered, rest assured, honored sir, will not be abused. Coming into your midst as representatives from every State, Territory and Government on this continent, representing an organization of more than a million men and women, scattered through seventeen different nations, teaching its sublime ritualism in eight of the leading languages of the world, in the interests of harmony and brotherly love, and above all and over all, of strict loyalty to the governments under which we live, no injury can result from the generous freedom accorded us. For this generous mark of your confidence, and the honor of your presence at the opening of our annual communication, accept our sincere thanks.

Rarely is it our privilege to meet on your sea-girt shore, with the broad ocean for a landscape, and its foam-crested waves, with ever varying scenery, breaking in solemn cadence on its shores. When we shall have finished our allotted work, and have taken our departure, we trust that no lingering shadow of regret will cloud the sky of your official record, so bright and untarnished as it now is, resulting from our presence in your beautiful State, rich in the renown of its long and eventful history; one of the original thirteen pioneers in the founding of this great Government, to which history presents no parallel in the rapidity of its development into a power of first rank among nations. We, as an organization representing many nations, with like loyalty to all, feel proud to stand upon her soil,

and honored above measure by your presence and cordial welcome with which it has pleased you to receive us. The greetings of this hour will pass into our records, and form a bright chapter in our history, to which in after years we shall refer with much pleasure.

To you Sister President of the Grand Assembly of Noble Women, Grand Master, and Grand Patriarch, on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I return our sincere thanks for this cordial and fraternal welcome. To the jurisdictions over which you respectively preside, we extend the fraternal hand-grasp, and wish for each the highest prosperity, and most unbounded usefulness, in this labor of love in which we are all co-workers. Let our aim ever be to so act our part, as to convince the world, that lasting good and only good can come to the race through our instrumentality; so that, by our example, all of the truly noble may be speedily drawn unto us, and the great law of "universal Brotherhood, God's grandest law, may everywhere prevail. Then

"No more shall nation against nation rise,
Nor ardent warriors meet with hateful eyes,
Nor fields with gleaming steel be covered o'er,
The brazen trumpets, kindle rage no more;
But useless lances into scythes shall bend,
And the broad falchion in a ploughshare end:
No sigh, no murmur, the wide world shall hear,
From every face be wiped off every tear;
All crimes shall cease, and ancient fraud shall fail,
Returning justice lift aloft her scale;
Peace o'er the world her olive wand extend,
And white-robed innocence from heaven descend."

But I must not linger. Hours of thought open up before me, which must be compressed into minutes. We are here for work for the good of millions that are, and are to be. In conclusion, therefore, permit me again to extend to your Honor, the Grand Master, the Grand Patriarch, and President of the Rebekah Assembly, our heartfelt appreciation of this cordial and fraternal welcome with which you have so generously received us. Returning to our respective homes we shall bear with us most pleasing recollections of our visit here, and our prayer shall ever be that this commonwealth and Odd Fellowship shall be and remain one and inseparable while time endures.

THE CLAM BAKE.

On the afternoon of Monday, September 16th, the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, together with their wives and friends were taken to South Atlantic City in gaily decorated trolly cars. For the greater portion of the distance to South Atlantic, the railroad track was in close proximity to and parallel with the ocean's shore, affording all a charming view of that restless highway to the old world. For many, the journey ended too soon. The visitors were hospitably received at South Atlantic, and, at once, directed their steps to the spot where a huge pile of clams, corn and sweet potatoes were baking. It was a novel sight to many who lingered there to see the cooking completed. Others in the meantime explored the elephant and danced to the music of the brass band. On the announcement that the clams were ready to be served, a rush was made for the pile, and the gentlemen dug them from the depths of the mass of seaweed with their canes and carried them to the ladies in all kinds of articles, from an overcoat pocket or hat to a peach basket. It was an enjoyable event, and the visitors returned more than pleased with their outing.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE ENCAMPMENT WORK.

On Monday evening, September 16th, at 8 P. M., in Odd Fellows' Hall, South New York avenue, there was an exemplification of the Encampment Work. South Trenton Encampment, No. 40, conferred the Patriarchal Degree on two candidates, and Hudson Encampment, No. 48, conferred the Golden Rule Degree on the same candidates. The rival teams were on their mettle, and did their best to win the honors of the contest for efficiency and thoroughness for their respective Camps. The attendance was large, enthusiastic and appreciative, the very inducements to spur the teams to display their best work. The work was done in an admirable manner, and elicited from the visitors, most of them critics of superior order of ability, encomiums of high praise. Brief addresses were made by a number of visitors in appreciation of their entertainment, and when the labors of the evening were done, all departed satisfied that the fleeting hours had been well and pleasantly spent.

THE GRAND PARADE.

Tuesday afternoon, September 17th, at 2 P. M., was the time fixed for the parade. It was an event that engaged the thoughts of the whole population of Atlantic City. The day opened very inauspiciously, but, before noon, the clouds, which threatened to place a damper on the day's festivities, cleared away, and a prettier day for the parade could not be desired by the anxious marching host.

It was just such weather as to make parading agreeable to the participants and joyful to the spectators—under foot, thanks to a shower in the night, there was no dust, and there was a gentle breeze from the ocean sweeping through the city. To further make things agreeable, from the hour the pageant began to move until the end, the hot rays of the sun were veiled with fleeting clouds.

Early in the afternoon marching Lodges and uniformed companies with bands of music, enlivened the city. It was like a vast concert. From every direction could be heard inspiring strains and the tramp of marching feet.

From States avenue to the other end of the city the streets and pavements were crowded with spectators, while buildings on either side of the way fluttered flags and bunting in happy greeting of the moving host. Not less than 20,000 people witnessed the glittering pageant.

The parade, under the supervision of Col. GEORGE WAILES, Department Commander of New Jersey, began to move at 3 o'clock. A platoon of police headed the line. Then followed the Patriarchs Militant; Encampments and Lodges of New Jersey; the invalid Odd Fellows of New Jersey in a coach; Coaches containing the children from the Odd Fellows Orphanage of Philadelphia; Mayor STOY and the City Council of Atlantic

City in carriages; Encampments and Lodges of Pennsylvania; Encampments and Lodges of Delaware; the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of New Jersey; Rebekah Lodges; Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The procession moved through the principal streets of the city, and the marchers were greeted with rounds of applause from the thousands of spectators lining the sidewalks, and even crowding the house tops. The men marched almost with the precision of soldiers. Chosen Friends' Lodge, of Philadelphia, with the Metropolitan Band, and Eden Lodge, of Wilmington, Del., with the First Regiment Band, of Wilmington, got the lion's share of the applause. Both of the latter Lodges wore full dress suits, high hats, and gloves, and marched in splendid order. The Cantons in their brilliant uniforms and equipments added color to the pageant. The youngsters from the Odd Fellows' Orphanage, Philadelphia, and the aged inmates of the Odd Fellows' Home, were given a prominent position in the line, and the former especially enjoyed their outing by the sea. Cohocksink, of Philadelphia, in high hats, gloves and canes, were among the finest marching men in line, and one of the strongest numerically. They were the guests of American Star Lodge, of Atlantic City, and the latter, by the way, turned out in silk hats, gloves and canes, and received merited applause. Among the music in line was the drum corps accompanying Canton Potomac. It was composed exclusively of boys, ranging from nine to fifteen years old, and they were all sons of Odd Fellows, and said to be the only organization of its kind in the Order. The boys were frequently applauded.

The route of the parade was on the south side of Atlantic avenue to Missouri avenue, then north to Rhode Island avenue, to Pacific avenue, to Georgia avenue, to Atlantic avenue, then north to the Reading Railroad Depot, where the parade was dismissed.

PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' REUNION.

On Tuesday evening, September 17th, the Past Grand Representatives' Reunion was held at 8 P. M., in the First Baptist Church, on Pacific avenue, below Pennsylvania. Bro. CL. T. CAMPBELL, Past Grand Sire, presided. The audience was large, appreciative, and listened with rapt attention to the eloquent addresses of the orators of the occasion. The President introduced to the assemblage

GEORGE B. DAVIS,

Past Grand Representative of Virginia, who addressed his audience as follows:

The best talent and genius of the world have spent their force and power in depicting the beauties of the tenets of our beloved Order, and giant intellects have portrayed in flights of rhetoric and gems of oratory the wonderful good it has done for the world. Then it would be a vain effort on my part to attempt to cope with such a record. But in my humble sphere I can at least throw a sprig of evergreen into the lap of Odd Fellowship.

We have assembled to-night in this sacred edifice in our annual re-union. We look over the past year and find that God in His goodness has blessed our efforts to further our cause. I can see a rainbow in its splendor, with its beautiful prismatic colors athwart the sky of our noble Order. The sunshine that we have focused into homes of want and sorrow reflects its bright rays back to us, and to-night we can first give to God the glory, while our own hearts throb with an unspeakable joy that we belong to an army that has showered, throughout the world, the benedictions of the principles that we espouse.

Its crystal and shining sprays have sparkled like diamonds, and where destitution and grief existed, like the fogs and mists of morning, its radiating brightness has dispelled the gloom. Millions of aching hearts throughout the world have been cheered and their loneliness and sorrows assuaged by the tender care and deep solicitude of our noble Order. The genuine Odd Fellow loses his own identity in doing good to others, for our Order inculcates that it is more blessed to give than to receive. No one can be a true Odd Fellow unless he firmly believes in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. We have chosen as our fundamental principles the beatitudes of Heaven. Can there be better found in God's universe than Friendship, Love, Truth, Faith, Hope and Charity? The great electric dynamo of Odd Fellowship draws its current from the power house of God's eternal love. The sweet music of silver bells, with its soft and tender cadences; the Æolian harp, with its inspiring tones, will not compare with the grateful songs that follow the line of our march. What does it mean? This mighty army of one million banded together for what? Has the tocsin of war been sounded? I answer yes.

"We war against vice in all its forms. Friendship towards man prompts the contest; the gentle influence of love supplies the weapons, truth consecrates the effort and leads to victory." We war against principles that are antagonistic to truth, justice and right, for you cannot be an Odd Fellow unless you seek the welfare of your fellow-men. We uphold the laws of our common country and instill true patriotism. Our religious and political opinions are left to our conscience and to our country.

Brethren, I come from the Mother of States, the home of GEORGE WASHINGTON, PATRICK HENRY and THOMAS JEFFERSON. I love Virginia as my own soul. But I love our Order none the less, for its teachings would make me a good citizen, a lover of my country's weal and to respond to the call of distress, for wherever human suffering is found Odd Fellowship has its duty to perform. The atmosphere within our environments are fragrant with noble deeds and self-sacrifices. THOMAS WILDEY'S great searchlight has flashed the glow of the three links throughout the world, and the pure streams of our cardinal principles will flow on perpetually into the tideless sea of GOD'S infinite love. ALEXANDER the Great in the zenith of his glory held his last court seated on the golden throne of the Persian Shahs, with a golden pine over it. The leaves were emeralds and the fruit of carbuncles. The zenith of the glory of our Order will be a universal Brotherhood and eternal praise to the God of the universe. In the world—so full of hypocrisy and heartlessness—how pleasant it is to have some friend as faithful in days of adversity as in days of prosperity! That friendship like DAVID and JONATHAN'S or the good Samaritan's; a friendship for the sick, who have no one to turn the hot pillow, no one to put ice on the temple or pour out the anodyne or utter one cheerful word; a friend for the poor who freeze in the winter's cold and swelter in the summer's heat, and who munch the hard crusts that bleed the sore gums and shiver under blankets that cannot be longer patched, and who tremble because rent day is come and fear that they may have to be set out on the sidewalk and looking into the starved faces of the children and seeing famine there and perhaps death.

The beauty of unfaltering friendship can be seen in the link of the trio of our principles shining in this sad picture like the noonday sun—a friendship for the widow in her desolation with pale cheeks and lusterless eye. Our Order is one great river, clear as crystal, rolling on to the ocean of happiness. Who can fathom its influence for good? Who can bridge it?

In Ceylon there is a granite column thirty-six feet in size, which is thought by the natives to decide the world's continuance. An angel, with robe spun from zephyrs, is once in a hundred years to descend and sweep the hem of that robe across the granite, and when by that attrition the column is worn away they believe the world will come to an end.

If every drop in the Atlantic ocean represented a hundred years, after it had become exhausted our principles would still live, for they are heaven born and eternal. True friendship is something sweeter than the rose, something chaster than the lily. The bright and beautiful memories of sincere friendship will never die.

GALLILEO was condemned by mathematicians and monks and cardinals—caricatured everywhere. Yet, waiting and watching with his telescope to see the coming up of stellar reinforcements when the stars, in their courses, would fight for the Copernican system, then sitting down in complete blindness and deafness to wait for the coming on of the generations who would build his monument and bow at his grave. THOMAS WILDEY, the honest blacksmith, amid deep prejudice and many impediments, with the fortitude of a hero, planted Odd Fellowship on American soil and he lived to see scores, and multiplied thousands kneel at its altars, and his monumental guerdon is the perpetuation of the largest and most powerful benevolent Order in our country. Our second link is wrapped in the robe of the beatitudes of Heaven. Hark to the rustle of her robes; see the blaze of her jewels, panoplied and wreathed in the smiles of God. Amazing spectacle! light of silver dripping down on bright shields of gold. Why, it reflects a vision of that eternal city, with its walls of amethyst and jacinth and topaz. It seems as if a billow of celestial glory had dashed over Heaven's battlements down to earth; the breath of honeysuckle and frankincense permeates the atmosphere where love exists. It is a sunset hung in loops of fire; it is a cascade whose gentle springs ascend as holy incense to Heaven, for "God is Love," whose realm has only one season, and that the season of everlasting purity and peace. How bright the oars of the saffron cloud that rows the boat of love across the deep sea of the skies to a home of perpetual joy! How beautiful the scene decorated with the blossoms of truth, the emblems of immortality!

Who built the great and renowned pyramids of Egypt? Who built the dikes of Holland? Who built the great cities of the world? Did the kings and potentates or the capitalists build them? I answer no. The carpenters and mechanics in all their varied branches, who were dependent on day wages for a livelihood, built them. And so has the great work of our Order been done by ordinary men, with ordinary speech and by ordinary means. God bless the noble work of the private soldiers of Odd Fellowship led on by such leaders as THOMAS WILDEY, RICHARD RUSHWORTH, JOHN DUNCAN, JOHN WELCH, JOHN CHEATHAM, JAMES L. RIDGELY, CHARLES M. BUSBEE, CL. T. CAMPBELL, and scores of others, whose records will prove an inspiration to generations yet unborn. JULIUS CÆSAR, ALEXANDER THE GREAT, WELLINGTON, NAPOLEON, U. S. GRANT, ROBERT E. LEE and STONEWALL JACKSON were men of great renown, who wrote their names indelibly in history; but I know of no better way to write one's name on the tablets of enduring memory than to practice for the good of others the principles of Odd Fellowship. In Grecian mythology it is said that the twelve greater gods had palaces on Olympus and met every day in Jupiter's Hall, to feast

on ambrosia, a sort of food of life which made them immortal. The delicious food of immortality are the six great principles of our beloved Fraternity. And the mercy of God is the doorway to the great temple of perpetual felicity. Let us continue to work for the common weal of all mankind. Let our record of burnt Chicago, the great floods of Cincinnati and Johnstown and scores of other calamities with their millions of dollars expended for suffering humanity, aided by the potential influence of the Daughters of Rebekah throughout our land, who have done a noble work for the relief of the sick and the distressed, continue to shine. Oh! how thankful we should be for their wonderful work; what comfort and solace they have been to Odd Fellowship. Once back in the centuries woman was depressed and degraded when paganism, that barbarous and ungenerous custom, made her the slave and not the companion of man. But, thank Heaven, the days of darkness are past, and the varied relations they sustain in society give them power to charm him away from vice. It should serve as a stimulus for us to be more intrepid in the future than we have been in the past. Dear Brethren, the noble deeds of our Fraternity for the amelioration of suffering humanity are rolling on and upward in mighty surges that billow against the heavens. Its thrilling music is accompanied by thousands and tens of thousands of voices on land and sea, in towns, villages and cities, as of one great choir, bursting in sweet songs of gratitude and praise. We hear an inspiring anthem rolling heavenward for the benign influence of Odd Fellowship beaming forth from its cardinal virtues—Friendship, Love and Truth. Then let our hearts blend together in one united chorus, proclaiming in genuine praise: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The Hon. R. E. WRIGHT, Gr. Rep., of Pennsylvania, was the next on the evening's programme, but, owing to urgent and very pressing business engagements, he was unable to be present and perform the duty assigned him. His enforced absence was greatly regretted, as his ability to eloquently entertain was well known to those assembled.

The Hon. JOHN B. COCKRUM, Gr. Rep., of Indiana, who is a polished speaker and at home in the field of oratory, next addressed the audience. He spoke exemporaneously, and as there was no "chiel" there taking notes to print them, his address cannot be reproduced here, to the regret of many who would doubtless like to see it in print, and be charmed by its perusal, though lacking the personal magnetism and force of his resonant yet sweet-toned voice.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE LODGE WORK.

Tuesday evening, September 17th, at Odd Fellows Hall, New York avenue, there was an exhibition of the Lodge Work by two noted teams. The First and Second Degrees were conferred in an admirable manner, and deserved the unstinted praise bestowed on their finished work. Addresses were made by Bros. GOULDEY and BIDDLE, of Atlantic City, and BAKER and BUSSING, of Newark, New Jersey.

THE CONFERRING OF THE GRAND DECORATION OF CHIVALRY.

Wednesday evening, September 18th, the Grand Decoration of Chivalry was conferred upon seven candidates in the ball room of the United States Hotel, which was arranged to suit the occasion, as well as the circumstances would permit. At the extreme end of the room three tents were erected, behind which was seated a Canton of Patriarchs Militant. In front of the central tent sat the Grand Sire, who conferred the Decoration. Those receiving the honor were Major General and Department Commander J. C. WHITAKER, Dayton, Ohio; Colonel PHILIP J. VETTER, Chief of Staff, Scranton, Pennsylvania; Major G. W. SKILLHORN, Assistant Adjutant General, Scranton, Pennsylvania; Major JOHN JONES, Brigade Chaplain, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania; Major W. C. COWLES, Scranton, Pennsylvania; Representatives R. G. FLOYD, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and J. L. JORGENSEN, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The Grand Decoration of Chivalry is conferred only by order of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on the recommendation of a Department Council or the Commander-in-Chief, and for this reason the value of the Decoration is so much the more appreciated. Its possession is evidence of honorable and meritorious service in the cause of Odd Fellowship.

COMPLIMENTARY RECEPTION AND BALL.

Wednesday evening, September 18th, the United States Hotel, on Pacific avenue, was a blaze of glory in honor of the complimentary reception and ball given to the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, their wives, daughters, sisters and friends, by the Jurisdiction of New Jersey, under the auspices of the Parade Committee. The exterior of the hotel was profusely decorated with flags and draped bunting. The interior was a maze of Odd Fellows' insignias, potted plants and bunting. The immense dining room was converted into an adjunct of the ball room, each pillar being entwined with bunting and having a shield with the names of the several Jurisdictions across them. The reception committee was composed of twenty-eight gentlemen and as many ladies. Their labors were herculean owing to the vast assemblage, but their efforts to make things pleasant for the company present were crowned with complete success. The following gentlemen successfully managed their special domains, as could be done only by those thoroughly familiar with the duties peculiar to their respective stations: General Director, Gen. W. B. E. MILLER; Assistants, Capt. J. T. HILTON and Capt. S. E. PERRY; Floor Manager, Brigadier-General ED. C. DEANS; Assistants, Lieut. USHER A. HALL, Chevalier H. M. SHEARER, Chevalier JAMES WALSH, Chevalier R. H. GASKILL, WILLIAM HASLET, WILLIAM LOUDENSLAGER, E. D. IRELAN.

The music was furnished by Jenning's famous Sixth Regiment Band, of Camden, New Jersey. It was stationed in the centre of the room behind a bower of rubber plants and palms. The order of dancing was as follows:

GRAND MARCH.

1. Waltz, Glide—"Pride of the Ball" ..... *Verner.*
2. Quadrille, Plain—"Pantomime" ..... *Schlepegrete.*
3. Waltz, Glide—"To Thee Alone" ..... *Herman.*
4. Two-Step—"Honeymoon" ..... *Rosey.*
5. Lancers—"Gaiety Girl" ..... *Beyer.*
6. Schottische—"Alabama Coon" ..... *Joxone.*
7. Polka Waltz—"Ingomar" ..... *Stinson.*
8. Quadrille Polacca—"Original" ..... *Coleman.*
9. Waltz, Glide—"I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard" ..... *Petrie.*
10. Two-Step—"Manhattan Beach" ..... *Sousa.*
11. Quadrille, Plain—"Three Old Sports at Midway" ..... *Engle.*
12. Waltz, Glide—"Jolly Fellows" ..... *Vollstedt.*
13. Lancers—"Notoriety" ..... *Braham.*
14. Two-Step—"Liberty Bell" ..... *Sousa.*
15. Quadrille Waltz—"Original" ..... *Coleman.*
16. Waltz, Glide—"Till We Meet Again" ..... *Wiegand.*

After the conferring of the Grand Decoration of Chivalry, the line was formed and the grand march, headed by Grand Sire J. W. Stebbins and Miss E. S. Iszard, was taken up. It was participated in by not less than a thousand people, and from the march the merry gathering glided into the waltz, the first of the sixteen numbers on the programme.

Every Jurisdiction was represented in the ball room, which presented a truly charming sight, the rich costumes of the beautiful women vieing in appearance with the elaborate and bright uniforms of their gallant partners. The ladies were elegantly attired, while many of the gentlemen wore the uniform of the Pariarchs Militant. The dance was kept up until an early hour in the morning, when the gay terpsichoreans listened with sadness to the strains of "Home, Sweet Home," announcing the close of one of the most successful balls given at any session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE REBEKAH WORK.

At 8 o'clock, Wednesday evening, at Odd Fellows Hall, New York Avenue, there was an exemplification of the Rebekah beautified Work by the skilled team of Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 42, of Newark, New Jersey. The work was remarkably well done, and showed most clearly that frequent drilling and conscientious efforts to reach perfection are sure to bring success. The attendance was large, attentive and appreciative, so that the hours passed with winged feet, bringing too soon the time to part and seek nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep, and perchance therein to view again the scenes and triumphs of the day.

THE OCEAN SAIL FROM THE INLET.

In accordance with the invitation received from the local committee, the Representatives, their wives and friends, took a sail from the Inlet out on the bosom of the broad Atlantic, Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Six or more yachts, containing about two hundred passengers, sailed from port under the most favorable auspices. Neptune had evidently been propitiated by the committee, for the sea was almost as smooth as a land-locked lake. The landlubbers were quite enthusiastic at their escape from the payment of the usual tribute. All in all it was an enjoyable trip.

THE CHILDREN FROM THE ORPHANAGE AT PHILADELPHIA.

At the close of the session Tuesday morning, September 17th, the children from the Orphanage at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to the number of fifty-four, were introduced to the presence of the Grand Lodge. They were accompanied by the Matron, Mrs. L. P. Swentzel, Samuel A. Kenzil, President; Charles B. D. Richardson, Solicitor; Herman Becker, Vice-President; Thomas J. Belville, Treasurer, and Richard H. Graham, P. G. P. The children were led to the rostrum, where they sang several pretty songs, which were received with hearty applause. The youngsters participated in the parade in the afternoon, and greatly enjoyed their outing by the sea. Their presence at the session served as an object lesson to those Jurisdictions where Homes for orphans are not yet established. A brighter and healthier lot of boys and girls is seldom seen, and afforded good proof that their Home is a happy one, and their foster parents loving and loved.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LAWS, ETC.

1. *Resolved*, That all motions or resolutions contemplating the amendment of existing laws or the revision of decisions, heretofore rendered, shall when presented for the action of this Grand Lodge, be accompanied by a copy of that section of the law to be affected, or of the decision, as the same would read if amended. (1893, page 13,421.)

APPEALS.

2. *Resolved*, That appellants must furnish two hundred copies of all appeal papers, as required by the legislation of 1855 and the legislation of 1875, found on page 6562 of the Journal. (1885, page 10,049.)

3. *Resolved*, That all applications to open, rehear or review decisions of this Grand Lodge in appeal cases, whether by petition, memorial or otherwise, be prepared and forwarded to the Grand Secretary and under the same rules adopted by this Grand Body for appeals, and be sent to the Committee on Appeals. (1885, page 10,060.)

4. WHEREAS, In the consideration of appeal cases by this Grand Lodge, it is often necessary, for a correct decision thereon, to refer to the organic laws of the Jurisdiction; therefore,

Resolved, That in all appeals to this Grand Lodge, it shall be required of the appellants to send with their papers, a certified copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of their Grand Body, of the Constitution for Subordinates, and of the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment involved in the appeal. (1886, page 10,481.)

5. WHEREAS, By the law of this Grand Body, a portion of its members, and all who desire to be heard upon matters of appeal, are required to assemble on Wednesday preceding the third Monday of September each year; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and required to announce that the Annual Communications of this Grand Body commence, *pro forma*, on the Wednesday preceding the third Monday, and that all persons desiring to be heard before the Committee on Appeals must be present at that time; but that no other business than that now provided, shall be transacted before the third Monday, and no *per diem* allowed to members, other than as at present provided. (1891, page 12,621.)

6. *Resolved*, That hereafter, the records in all cases of appeals, must be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, so as to reach him by Wednesday preceding the second Monday in September of each year, so that they may be furnished the Committee on Appeals by the morning of the Wednesday following, and that the briefs of both appellants and appellees, if printed at all, shall be printed separate and apart from the record. (1891, page 12,681.)

COMPENSATION OF COMMITTEEMEN.

7. *Resolved*, That the compensation allowed committeemen, who may render services for this Grand Body during the recess, shall be three dollars each per day while actually in session, and four cents per mile traveled to and from the place of meeting, to be computed by the nearest route usually traveled to such place, but no salaried officer of this Grand Body shall receive any per diem compensation for such services. (1878, pages 7789, 7864.)

CONSTITUTION OF SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

8. *Resolved*, That when an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Body is proposed, the section proposed to be amended shall be set forth at length in the resolution proposing the amendment as it would read should the proposed amendment be adopted. (1877, page 7424.)

9. WHEREAS, Article XXI. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, provides that any amendment to that instrument "if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays," shall become part of such Constitution;

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that in contemplation of said constitutional provision, no member can be deemed "present on a call of the yeas and nays," whose vote, or that of his colleague for him, does not appear upon the roll-call of the yeas and nays, unless he is excused by a vote of this Grand Lodge from voting. (1878, page 7891.)

DAILY JOURNALS, ETC.

10. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is, hereby authorized to have printed hereafter, and furnish to each past Grand Sire, Officer and Representative present at the session, fifteen copies of the reports of Grand Officers and the Daily Journal, and one additional copy for every five hundred members of the several Jurisdictions; *provided, however*, that not more than one hundred extra copies shall be allowed to any Jurisdiction. (1883, page 9414.)

11. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary cause to be printed ten copies of the Revised Journal to be furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution. (1872, pages 5449, 5467.)

12. *Resolved*, That hereafter a copy of the reports of the Grand Officers of this Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be published and laid on the desk of each Representative, Past Grand Sire and officer on the first day of each annual session, prior to the opening of the session. (1892, pages 13,170, 13,197.)

13. *Resolved*, That the printer of the Daily Journal be interdicted by the proper officers of the Grand Lodge, from permitting any person to have access to the manuscript or matter intrusted to his care, that he is to regard the matter as *private*, and no one shall be allowed to copy or make extracts therefrom, but every copy printed should be placed in the hands of the officers of the Grand Lodge. (1877, page 7413.)

14. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to make arrangements at the next and future sessions, of this Grand Body, to mail the reports of the Grand Officers, and the Daily Journals each day, to the various Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and others entitled to receive the same *direct* from the printing office.

Resolved, further, That in order to facilitate such action of the Grand Secretary, each Officer and Representative will forward his mail list to the Grand Secretary at Baltimore, Md., the first day of September, preceding the session of each year. (1894, page 14,179.)

DONATIONS.

15. *Resolved*, That, as under the organic construction of the Order, this Grand Body possesses only such means as will enable it to exist with financial credit to itself, it is inexpedient and improper to make *donations* of any character, books, supplies, money, etc., not immediately appertaining to it and its necessities; furthermore, be it

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution is considered as a standing rule, that shall not be altered or repealed, except by a *two-thirds* vote of this Grand Lodge. (1876, pages 7028, 7079.)

FINANCE.

16. *Resolved*, That a Sub-Committee of the Committee on Finance, consisting of not less than two of the members, be appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; such examination to be made within one week prior to the commencement of each annual session.

Resolved, That to this end, it is suggested that the Grand Sire appoint the Committee on Finance, or so many of its members as may be consistent, prior to the close of the annual session, instead of the commencement of the same, as has been the prevailing custom. (1877, page 7503; 1888, page 11,340.)

GRAND AND SUBORDINATE BODIES.

17. *Resolved*, That hereafter no printed or written communications from Grand Bodies, or Subordinates immediately under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, will be considered, unless the same shall be presented before the close of the third day of each annual session. (1873, page 5934.)

18. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, and all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in submitting their Constitutions, or amendments thereof, to this Grand Body, for approval, shall be required, first, to furnish the Grand Secretary a complete copy of their Constitutions, with all amendments thereto, accompanied with a certificate from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment (when such Lodge or Encampment may be under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, attested by the Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Body or Subordinate attached. (1870, page 4929.)

19. *Resolved*, That hereafter all laws sent to this Grand Lodge for approval, shall bear the seal of the Body adopting them, and all documents without a seal (where the Body has one), shall be returned without consideration. (1872, pages 5518, 5547.)

20. *Resolved*, That proceedings of Grand or Subordinate Bodies, instructing Representatives to bring the subject-matter of such proceedings before the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be not printed in the Journal, except by special order of this Grand Lodge; and, that, in case any such matters, through inadvertence, be entered on the Daily Journal, they shall be omitted from the Revised Journal. (1889, page 11,801.)

21. *Resolved*, That Grand Jurisdictions shall require the directors or managers of Orphans' Homes or other Homes of the Order within their boundaries and under their control, to make annual reports, showing the name, location, date of organization and object of such Homes. Also a description of their properties, cost, present value, character of title; board of management and how created; cost of maintenance and how provided; number of children or others cared for; and the annual cost per capita, together with such additioual statements as said directors or managers may be able to give, to the end that the information in regard to such Homes may be as complete as possible.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall require their Subordinates to make annual reports in relation to the property owned by the Order, including the name, number and location of Lodge or Encampment; the size of lot; the height, size and material of building, date of erection, cost of property, present value, indebtedness, amount of insurance, net annual income, size of Lodge room; character of title, whether in fee, under lease or otherwise, and if owned jointly with others, what part owned by the Order; if owned by a corporation, the amount and market value of the stock owned by the Order, amount of money or securities not included in stock above given; also cemetery or

cemetery lot, and shall report a tabulated statement thereof to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish Subordinate Grand Secretaries with a blank form to be a guide for uniformity in procuring said statistics. (1895, pages 14,589, 14,610.)

GRAND SECRETARY.

22. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be, and they are hereby, authorized to close their books on the 31st day of July in each year, and to report the financial operations to and including the day named. (1894, page 14,136.)

23. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward to the post-office address of the several officers and members of this Grand Body, the balance of the copies of the Daily Journal that may be due them after adjournment. (1879, page 8188.)

24. WHEREAS, There are many charitable, benevolent, fraternal, beneficiary and other enterprises which are subsidiary to the general purposes of this Order, and may, or may not be, in any manner within the control of any Lodge or Encampment, and therefore the good accomplished therefrom has never been in shape to append to the yearly statistics of our Order; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby requested to correspond during the coming fiscal year, with the Grand Secretary of each Subordinate Grand Body, requesting full information respecting all independent or attached organizations of the respective Bodies having for their purpose the further benefits of fraternal associations, such as Odd Fellows' Homes, Odd Fellows' Orphan Asylums, Odd Fellows' Cemetery Associations, and Odd Fellows' Veteran Associations, and that the Grand Secretary furnish an abstract of the results, for the use and consideration of this Grand Body; and the Grand Secretary shall prepare and forward blank forms for such reports. (1885, page 10,078; 1888, page 11,411.)

25. *Resolved*, That the resolution adopted at the last session relative to gathering information and statistics in regard to charitable, benevolent, fraternal, and other enterprises subsidiary to the general purposes of the Order, be continued in force, from year to year, until otherwise ordered. (1886, page 10,516.)

26. *Resolved*, That hereafter, the Grand Secretary be, and he hereby is, instructed to print in the Revised Journal, the names of the Presidents and Secretaries of the various State Assemblies of the Degree of Rebekah, together with their post-office address, and the time and place of meeting of each assembly. (1890, page 12,302.)

27. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be required to furnish two bound copies of the Journal, to each Jurisdiction, as they are hereafter bound. (1891, page 12,709.)

28. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to furnish to each member of this Grand Lodge, who has not heretofore received them, a complete set of the bound Journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, free of cost, and the new Digest at cost. (1893, pages 13,574, 13,672.)

29. *Resolved*, That the bound volumes of the Journals of this Grand Body shall hereafter be sold to Past Grand Representatives, to Odd Fellows' Libraries, and to Odd Fellows' Homes, at cost. (1893, pages 13,574, 13,672.)

30. *Resolved*, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to communicate with all passenger associations, at least 90 days prior to the meeting of each Annual Session, informing them when such session will be held, and at what place, and requesting special railroad rates for such meeting. The Grand Secretary, at least 30 days before the date of meeting, shall notify

each officer, Representative and Past Grand Sire, what rate has been secured; provided that in giving such information, no official route shall be named. (1895, pages 14,542, 14,568.)

GRAND SIRE.

31. *Resolved*, That hereafter the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary shall report only the names of deceased members of the Grand Lodge and Past Grand Sires, in the event of their decease, and that Grand Representatives shall announce the deaths of Past Grand Representatives of their respective Jurisdictions, in fitting terms, without referring said notices to a committee. (1879, page 8188.)

32. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, is hereby instructed to issue a proclamation annually, at least sixty days prior to the 10th day of June, requesting all Subordinate Lodges to assemble on the second Tuesday in June, and engage in appropriate memorial services respecting their deceased members, such services to be conducted in an appropriate manner. Such proclamation shall embrace the names of such officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and past officers and members, if any, who died during the term therein named; *provided, however*, that if a different day be more convenient for any Lodge to hold such Memorial Service, such Lodge may select such day. (1889, page 11,761.)

33. *Resolved*, That for all necessary expenses contemplated by our laws, and such office furniture as shall be necessary, the Grand Sire shall have full authority to draw upon the Grand Treasurer. (1890, pages 12,166, 12,270.)

34. *Resolved*, That hereafter, the Grand Sires of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to omit in their statistical report, any reference to organizations not a part of this Order, by way of comparison as to growth. (1892, pages 13,167, 13,196.)

35. *Resolved*, That the sum of $1,000, or so much thereof as the Grand Sire may deem necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated annually for the purpose of procuring clerical and stenographical assistance for the Grand Sire, and the Grand Sire is authorized to draw his Warrants on the Grand Treasurer, at such time, and in such amounts as may be required. (1895, page 14,607.)

INVITATIONS.

36. *Resolved*, That hereafter, no invitations will be accepted that will intrude on the time, or interfere with the business of this Grand Body, unless the same have been first submitted to the Grand Sire and received his indorsement. (1890, page 12,223.)

JUNIOR PAST GRAND SIRE.

37. *Resolved*, That until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge, the Junior Past Grand Sire, if present at the session of this Grand Lodge during the term of his immediate successor, shall receive mileage and per diem. (1883, page 9,393.)

MILEAGE.

38. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be, and they are, hereby instructed to compute the distance traveled by the Grand Representatives to all future sessions, by the nearest practicable route. (1890, pages 12,199, 12,200.)

PAST GRAND SIRES.

39. *Resolved*, That until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge, all Past Grand Sires, who shall be present at the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall receive mileage and per diem the same as now paid to the Representatives. (1895, pages 14,495, 14,516.)

SECRET WORK.

40. *Resolved*, That the Books of Diagrams and Secret Work be placed in the hands of the Deputy Grand Sire, for the use and benefit of the Representatives. (1862, page 3419.)

41. *Resolved*, That the Deputy Grand Sire, until further ordered, shall be authorized at each session of this Body, to employ a suitable and competent Brother to assist him in taking care of said Work, and who shall, under his direction, supply the members of this Sovereign Grand Lodge with the use of the said Work. And the person so employed shall receive a suitable compensation for his services, to be determined by the Committee on Finance. (1883, page 9440.)

42. *Resolved*, That in order that all the Representatives may have an opportunity of examining the Secret Journals and Books of Diagrams, the Deputy Grand Sire be, and he is, hereby instructed to limit each and every Jurisdiction to one-half hour for the inspection of said books. (1883, page 9439.)

SESSIONS.

43. *Resolved*, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Lodge will be to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 2 o'clock P. M. (1874, page 6193.)

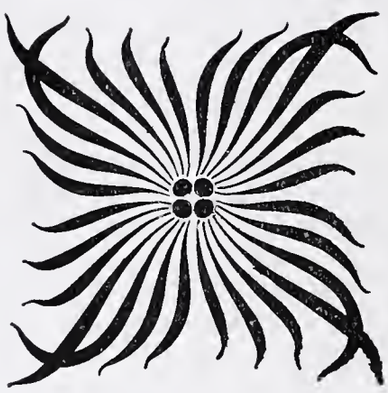
44. *Resolved*, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank, may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Guardian by the Representatives, respectively, from the State Jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached; and no Representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor unless he is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand, and in possession of the Royal Purple Degree; and by being a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree. (1871, pages 4993, 5185, 5222.)

45. *Resolved*, That on Tuesday and Thursday of each session of this Body, it shall resolve itself into secret session; and the Unwritten Work shall be exemplified by the Grand Sire, or, some one appointed by him, under his supervision. (1894, pages 14,024, 14,025.)

46. *Resolved*, That whenever this Grand Body shall meet at any place, other than its home, the Grand Sire shall instruct the Grand Messenger to attend the place of meeting at least three days in advance of the session, and prepare the hall for said meeting, and attend to such other duties as will be proper and necessary for the requirements of this Grand Body, for which services the Messenger shall receive three days' additional compensation. (1889, page 11,764.)

VOTING.

47. *Resolved*, That hereafter, no vote shall be taken on any motion or resolution required to be submitted in writing, until the same has been read in full from the desk of the Grand Secretary. (1874, page 6219.)



Memories.

"Sure 'tis a serious thing to die, my soul!
What a strange moment it must be, when near
Thy journey's end!—thou hast the gulf in view—
That awful gulf, no mortal e'er repassed
To tell what's doing on the other side.
Nature runs back, and shudders at the sight,
And every life string bleeds at thought of parting;
For part they must,—body and soul must part;
Fond couple; link'd more close than wedded pair;
This wings its way to its Almighty source,
The witness of its actions, now its judge;
That drops into the dark and noisome grave,
Like a disabled pitcher, of no use." —*Blair.*

IN MEMORY

OF

PAST GRAND MASTER, PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

AND

PAST GRAND SIRE

Thomas Sherlock,

OF OHIO.

BORN IN IRELAND, MARCH, 1817.

(INITIATED IN OHIO LODGE, NO. 1, CINCINNATI, OHIO, DECEMBER 26th, 1833.)

DIED AT HIS RESIDENCE IN CINCINNATI, OHIO. OCTOBER 15th, 1895.

"Why start at death? where is he? death arriv'd,
Is past; not come or gone, he's never here.
Ere hope, sensation fails; black-boding man
Receives, not suffers, death's tremendous blow.
The knell, the shroud, the mattock, and the grave,
The deep, damp vault, the darkness and the worm;
These are the bugbears of a winter's eve,
The terrors of the living, not the dead,
Imagination's fool, and error's wretch.
Man makes a death, which nature never made,
Then on the point of his own fancy falls;
And feels a thousand deaths in fearing one."

IN MEMORY

OF

Joh. Graber,

DEPUTY GRAND SIRE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SWITZERLAND.

MEMBER OF

ST. JACOB'S LODGE, No. 6,

BASEL, SWITZERLAND.

Born May, 1844. Died February 23rd, 1895.

"Bro. Graber was a hard working and a good member of our beloved Order, and accomplished much through his energy and untiring zeal, not only in St. Jacob's Lodge, but also in Eidgenossen Encampment and his Grand Lodge. Whenever he undertook to perform any duty, no matter what, he did it with his whole heart and soul. On Tuesday evening, February 26th, a Lodge of Sorrow was held in the Hall, which was appropriately decorated with the requisite emblems of mourning, at which the Noble Grand delivered a eulogy on the life and character of our Brother."

"But know that thou must render up the dead,
And with high interest too! they are not thine
But only in thy keeping for a season,
Till the great promis'd day of restitution;
When loud diffusive sound of brazen trump
Of strong-lung'd cherub shall alarm thy captives
And rouse the long, long sleepers into life,
Daylight and liberty."

(From "Helvetia" I. O. O. F. newspaper, Zurich, Switzerland, March, 1895.)

IN MEMORY

OF

Wilhelm Senn,

NOBLE GRAND OF

ST. JACOB'S LODGE, No. 6,

BASEL, SWITZERLAND.

Born February 12th, 1845.

Died at his Residence in Basel, Switzerland,
August 22d, 1895.

"Bro. Senn in his youthful years had anything but a bed of roses. At the primary and district schools, the talented youth was ever striving to ascend to loftier positions to enable him to become a teacher, which was his ambition. This he finally accomplished. Bro. Senn was admitted to our Order in 1876, and filled the various stations in his Lodge, and, at the time of his death, he was the Noble Grand of St. Jacob's Lodge for the second time. He was ever true and loyal to the principles of the Order, and his Brethren and his many friends will ever cherish the memory of a true friend and Brother."

"O! death, why art thou fear'd? Why do we think
'Tis such a horrid terror not to be?
Why, not to be, is not to be a wretch,
Why, not to be, is to be like the heav'ns
Not to be subject to the pow'r of fate;
O there's no happiness but not to be."

(From "Helvetia" I. O. O. F. newspaper, Zurich, Switzerland, September, 1895.)

IN MEMORIAM.

"Our lives are albums, written through
With good or ill, with false or true;
And as the blessed angels turn
The pages of our years,
God grant they read the good with smiles
And blot the ill with tears."

DIED.

THOMAS C. HOLLIS, Past Grand Representative of Connecticut, at his residence in New Haven, Connecticut, April 30th, 1895, aged ninety-two years.

"Known throughout the Jurisdiction of Connecticut, his zeal and love for Odd Fellowship was very marked. He was a genial, warm hearted Brother, possessing those traits which endeared him to all who knew him. Almost since the organization of the Odd Fellows' Veteran Association of Connecticut, he had held the office of Chief Veteran, being re-elected unanimously at every annual meeting. At the last meeting, held on February 22d, he presided at the session and was unanimously re-elected; at the time he expressed a desire to be relieved and some other member elected, saying, he feared he would not live the year out; in a few weeks the prophecy was fulfilled."—*Journal*, 14,617.

CHARLES B. R. COLLEDGE, Past Grand Representative of the District of Columbia, at his residence in Washington, District of Columbia, August 11th, 1895, aged fifty-six years.

"Brother COLLEDGE was a man of rare qualities of mind and heart. He lived in the affections of the members of the Order in the District of Columbia, and impressed himself upon every man.

"The prosperity and growth of our Order in the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia is largely the result of the services of this distinguished Brother. The death of such a man at any time is a calamity. We have no man like him in our midst to-day. He was always prominent in the Order. He seemed to be called to the work of our great institution. Commencing at the door of his Subordinate Lodge, step by step through all its gradations, he labored to uphold the cause he had espoused. He believed in a high standard and ever sought to maintain it; he believed that Odd Fellows should be men of character, and so he lived and worked to establish it. He was the best known member of the Order in his Jurisdiction. He knew every Brother and knew them to serve them. He was happiest when some duty devolved upon him that brought him into communication with his Brethren that he might do them good."—*Journal*, 14,617.

IN MEMORIAM.

"The dead are like the stars, by day
Withdrawn from mortal eye,
But not extinct, they hold their way
In glory through the sky."

JOHN T. GIVEN, Past Grand Representative of the District of Columbia, at his residence, in Washington, September 30th, 1894, aged seventy-five years.

"Brother GIVEN was elected by the Grand Encampment, a Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge (then Grand Lodge of the United States) in 1871, and served in that Body until 1885, when he declined a re-election on account of business engagements. While serving as such Representative, his ability was recognized in his appointment as a member of the most important committees, viz.: Judiciary, Finance, Legislation and Patriarchal Branch of the Order; and it is safe to say that his qualifications for these various positions were not over-rated, and that much of the legislation of the period of his connection with this honorable Body, received his most careful, conscientious and able consideration, and will long bear the impress of the high character and unselfish devotion of Brother GIVEN and his committee colleagues.

"Brother GIVEN possessed in an eminent degree a warm and sympathetic nature, and often were the inmost depths of his affection stirred as he dwelt with tender pathos, in the contemplation of the virtues of his departed Brethren; and not less impressive were his repeated injunctions to the surviving members of his Lodge and the Order."—*Journal*, 14,285, 14,619.

WILLIAM MCCOY, Past Grand Representative of Iowa, at his residence, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, November 27th, 1894, aged sixty-three years.

"He was initiated into the Order in 1854, and was a constant attendant and always took a lively interest in the work of the Order. He held the office of Deputy County Treasurer for several years. He also held the office of City Clerk for twenty-seven years. I knew him intimately for many years, having met him at the Grand Lodge sessions, and I can attest to his faithfulness and integrity.

"For some years he was somewhat paralyzed as to be unable to follow his usual occupation. We feel the loss of his companionship, and it is sad for us to think we shall never meet him again in the places where we were together, but hope to meet him on the shores of that great unknown land to which we are all hastening."—*Journal*, 14,285, 14,620.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Spirits from bondage thus set free,
Vanish amidst immensity.
Where human thought, like human sight,
Fails to pursue their trackless flight."

WILLIAM GARRETT, Past Grand Representative of Iowa, at his residence, in Burlington, Iowa, February 13th, 1895, aged seventy-one years.

"He was a living example of true Odd Fellowship, as demonstrated by him who faithfully and loyally follows its precepts; he illustrated the wholesome influence which true adherence to our principles can exercise in a community. Brother GARRETT was a man of exceptionally pure habits; he lived in an atmosphere of moral cleanliness, a thorough gentleman everywhere and under all circumstances. His bearing was always modest and unassuming, he never pushed to the fore or sought to rule, yet he never hesitated in asserting his opinion of right or wrong. Always acting up to the principles of probity, never following any rule but that of honest methods and fair dealing in business and private affairs, he could not but become a valued advisor in all matters affecting the welfare of the Order and his wise counsel was sought by the Brethren far and near. His love for Odd Fellowship was touching in its manifestation. Next to the duties which he owed to his God and his family, he held those which he owed to his Lodge and his Order. He was not an Odd Fellow only when adorned with the emblems of the Order in the Lodge room, but always and everywhere. He was ever a friend in need to fellow members who stood in want of active help or counsel, and who never appealed to him in vain, but he went even further, reaching out a helping hand, or giving a deserving word and an encouraging smile to all who stood in need of it. His love for mankind was demonstrated in every direction, in all his intercourse with his fellowmen, and his truthfulness was proverbial. The word of WILLIAM GARRETT was a bond which no one ever questioned. But he is gone and sorely will he be missed. There are millions of graves over which bereaved widows, orphans and relatives shed tears, there are few graves over whose green turf so many men that had been bound to the departed by voluntary ties only, bow in tearful remembrance as if he had been their brother by ties of blood. His memory will be kept green for many years in the community in which he lived, but it will live for ages in the Lodge room of Odd Fellowship. It will live in the spirit of the teachings of which he was a living exponent, which he loved and followed to the day of his death with unswerving fidelity. His name is engraved in golden letters upon the memories of those who knew him and knowing him, loved him."—*Journal*, 14,285, 14,621.

IN MEMORIAM.

"What is death? Oh! what is death?
'Tis the snapping of the chain—
'Tis the breaking of the bowl—
'Tis relief from every pain—
'Tis freedom to the soul."

Edward L. Norton, Past Grand Representative of Kansas, in St. Louis, Missouri, April 28th, 1894, aged seventy-four years.—*Journal*, 14,285.

Nathaniel G. Cummings, Past Grand Representative of Maine, in Portland, Maine, July 4th, 1894, aged seventy-four years.—*Journal*, 14,285.

Samuel Snowden, Past Grand Representative of Maryland, at his residence, in Baltimore, Maryland, November 9th, 1894, aged sixty-one years.—*Journal*, 14,285.

Albert Lewis Fessenden, Past Grand Representative of Massachusetts, in Townsend, Massachusetts, September 20th, 1894, aged fifty-five years.

"Debarred in later years, by business engagements, from active work in the Order, he was loyal to its principles and faithful to its purposes. With an honest pride he noted its advancement and rejoiced in its prosperity. He was an honored member of the Fraternity and his work is remembered in the Jurisdiction in which he served. He has joined the conclave of Brothers, who with him, kept the trust in the old 'Bay State,' and now rest 'over the river.' Their work and his work is done, but we, who tarry for a time, have the remembrance of their leadership and example as an ever present inspiration."—*Journal*, 14,285, 14,623.

George H. Shearer, Past Grand Representative of Michigan, October 20th, 1894, aged sixty-nine years.

"In February, 1878, he was elected Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Encampment of Michigan, and was present at the annual sessions of the Sovereign Grand Body in 1878 and 1879. We mourn the loss of our friend and Brother, and we extend our sympathy to her who has been bereft of a beloved husband, the companion of nearly thirty years, and to those who have lost the love and care of an affectionate father. We commend them to the tender care of the Heavenly Father in this time of trial and affliction."—*Journal*, 14,285, 14,623.

IN MEMORIAM.

"'Tis the setting of the sun
To rise again to-morrow,
A brighter course to run,
Nor sink again to sorrow.
Such is death! yes, such is death!"

THOMAS E. DOUGHTY, Past Grand Representative of Michigan, at his residence, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, February 26th, 1895, aged seventy-five years.

"THOMAS E. DOUGHTY was a man whom the Order loved and delighted to honor. A leader and standard bearer has fallen from our ranks. His genial presence will no longer give joy to our hearts, and his voice, once eloquent in praise of Odd Fellowship, is hushed in the stillness of death. Thus sadly are we taught that 'all that is born must die.'"—*Journal*, 14,285, 14,625.

FREDERICK M. FOSTER, Past Grand Representative of Michigan, at his residence, in Jackson, Michigan, July 6th, 1895, aged eighty-two years.

"Whenever and wherever Brother F. M. FOSTER was called to duty he was gratified upon the close of his official relationships to listen to his reward as it came from every hand: 'Well done, good and faithful!' To him the obligation of duty was ever present and a supreme guide in life. The honors of the Order were received by him as a token of reward for a full and conscientious discharge of duty in official stations, and when these were past, he continued, as before, his active services in the ranks without hope of fee or reward. He was firm in his friendships, a genial, social companion, an honest and conscientious man and citizen, a kind husband and father, and beloved in all the relations of life.

"The progress and prosperity of the Order in Michigan owes as much to the devoted services of F. M. FOSTER as to any other man within the Jurisdiction, his every service was a labor of love. For more than fifty years of his life he devoted his efforts to the spread of the divine principles of the Order to the exclusion of other occupations offering financial success in his own behalf. His Christian character, charitable actions, gentle and benevolent disposition and upright daily walk before the world made him a worthy example of the most perfect type of a true Odd Fellow. He was buried with the ceremonies of the Order, and it can be most truly said that the language of our Ritual on the occasion was not felt to be a mere formality, but found a response from the heart of every sorrowing friend and Brother present."—*Journal*, 14,624.

IN MEMORIAM.

"What is death? Oh! what is death?
'Tis slumber to the weary—
'Tis rest to the forlorn—
'Tis shelter to the dreary—
'Tis peace amid the storm."

JAMES M. SERVOSS, Past Grand Representative of Michigan, in Princeton, Indiana, July 8th, 1895, aged sixty-one years.

"In Brother SERVOSS our Order recognized one of its noblest advocates, eloquent in proclaiming the sublime beauties of Friendship, Love and Truth, he was ever zealous and conscientious in his devotion to his duties as an Odd Fellow."—*Journal*, 14,625.

J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS, Past Grand Representative of Minnesota, in Rochester, Minnesota, April 29th, 1895, aged sixty years.

"In the realm of Odd Fellowship, Brother WILLIAMS established a fame, equally renowned for ability and fidelity. For twenty-nine years, he was by tongue and pen, an able and earnest exponent of those principles whose practice gives life and usefulness to our fraternity, and for more than half that period he was the faithful historian of our Grand Lodge; the honored Scribe of our Grand Encampment. He revered Odd Fellowship and was intensely devoted to its interests. In earlier years he contributed freely of his time, talent and money toward laying the foundation of the Order, in the State of his adoption, deep and strong.

"But it was as historian of the Order in Minnesota that he rendered his Brethren a splendid service and left the Order a rich legacy. He had collected data and compiled the early history of the Order in Minnesota, the manuscript of which is now in possession of our Grand Lodge. With the cares of business and of official position in the Order laid aside, he hoped to complete this work. His mind seemed centered upon it, and at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1893, the last in which he took an active part, too weak to rise, he sat by the station of the Grand Master and, in a feeble tone, and amidst the most profound silence, reported the progress of the work so dear to him, so important to the Order which he had ardently loved and loyally served. His hope could not be realized, but upon the foundation laid by him others may complete the work. Through loyalty to family, fidelity to public trust and a devotedness to the Order, Brother WILLIAMS has left a name honored and beloved, an influence helpful and lasting."—*Journal*, 14,626.

IN MEMORIAM.

'Tis the entrance to our home—
'Tis the passage to that God
Who bids his children come,
When their weary course is trod.
Such is death! yes, such is death!"

JOHN H. MCKENZIE, Past Grand Representative of Mississippi, at his residence, in Summit, Mississippi, April 25th, 1895, aged forty-seven years.

"He represented his State in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, when the Ritual of 1880 was adopted. He was an enthusiastic devotee to the new Work, presumably he being a co-laborer in its cause. In his Subordinate Lodge and Camp, he did not cease working, and the best evidence of his labors at home, is, he died while in office, for he was continnually Chaplain and Trustee in his Lodge.

"As he lived, so he died, an honest, upright man, a devoted Odd Fellow, a pleasant and social companion, a kind and affectionate husband and a tenderly loving father. He was buried on our natal day, the 26th day of April, by his Lodge and Encampment, with the deserved honors of our Order."—*Journal,* 14,627.

DAVID N. BARROWS, Past Grand Representative of Mississippi, at his residence, in Jackson, Mississippi, July 19th, 1895, aged seventy-nine years.

"He was initiated into Mississippi Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., at Natchez, Mississippi, during the year 1839. In 1844, returning to Jackson, his membership was transferred to Capitol Lodge, No. 11, and in that Lodge it remained continuously up to the hour of his death. He was also a member of Choctaw Encampment, No. 3, I. O. O. F., at Jackson. He filled all of the elective and appointive offices of his Lodge and Encampment, and was Grand Treasurer and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, his term in the latter office ending at the session of 1849. During the term of 1867-1868 he was Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment, On the 17th day of September, 1849, he was admitted into the Grand Lodge of the United States as a duly accredited Representative from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. He served in this capacity twelve consecutive years, and declined a re-election on account of ill health. Bro. BARROWS cherished the personal friendship of THOMAS WILDEY, the founder of the Order in America, and of JAMES L. RIDGELY, so long the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and of Grand Treasurer VANZANT, as well as of many other members of this Grand Body."—*Journal,* 14,628.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Alas, what stay is there in human state,
Or who can shun inevitable fate?
The doom was written, the decree was past,
Ere the foundations of the world were cast."

W. H. CURTIS, Past Grand Representative of Nebraska, December 27th, 1894.—*Journal*, 14,285.

CHARLES FERRARIS, Past Grand Representative of Nevada, June 19th, 1894, aged forty-six years.—*Journal*, 14,285.

JOHN H. HORN, Past Grand Representative of New Jersey at his residence, in Lambertville, September 4th, 1895, aged seventy-three years.

"He was a kind hearted man, alive, with an active spmpathy for suffering humanity. He will be missed by the poor and needy, and a large circle of bereaved friends will mourn his loss. In the discharge of every duty he assumed, he was faithful to his trust. In his family, his church, the community, and his Lodge, he was diligent in the discharge of his several obligations."—*Journal*, 14,630.

JOHN E. BELL, Past Grand Representative of Ohio, March 25th, 1895, aged sixty-two years.

"He was at his death the best known, best loved, most useful of all the citizens of our Queen City of the West; a man of marked ability, transcendant worth, and intense activity. Faithfulness to every trust and every duty was the distinguishing characteristic of the man. When twenty-two years of age, young and vigorous, he was made an Odd Fellow, and for forty years forgot not the Brotherhood. He was a part of it, and its principles became woven with the very woof and web of his life. He was Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Ohio in the year 1873, and was for four years a member of this Grand Body, beginning with 1875. In the Centennial year, at Philadelphia, he represented Ohio. He was the principal factor in the building of the beautiful Temple, dedicated and devoted to the Order in Cincinnati. He sleeps in the beautiful City of the Dead, overlooking that city, but his life, his deeds, his works, his worth, are our heritage."—*Journal*, 14,285, 14,631.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Can that man be dead
Whose spiritual influence is upon his kind?
He lives in glory; and his speaking dust
Has more of life than half its breathing moulds."

GEORGE WRIGHT, Past Grand Representative of Ontario, March 10th, 1895.—*Journal*, 14,285.

ISAAC W. CASE, Past Grand Representative of Oregon, at his residence, in Astoria, Oregon, February 3d, 1895, aged sixty-three years.

"Bro. CASE was always a man of affairs, ready to assist and promote every legitimate enterprise with his means and influence. Enterprising and public spirited, he took an active part in the upbuilding of the city and State of his adoption, and in all positions of trust he discharged the duties with ability and fidelity. He was cordial and warm hearted to an extreme and always conveyed by the light of his eye and the clasp of his hand, assurance of friendly regard, which the many who enjoyed his acquaintance will not soon forget."—*Journal*, 14,632.

WILLIAM W. KNIGHT, Past Grand Representative of Rhode Island, at his residence, in Apponaug, Rhode Island, July 4th, 1895, aged seventy-seven years.

"Brother KNIGHT became an Odd Fellow in November, 1843, uniting with Eagle Lodge, No. 2, Providence, continuing his relation with that Lodge until his death, with the exception of about four years in the sixties, when he was non-affiliated. Passing the chair of his Subordinate Lodge, he was admitted to the Grand Lodge in November, 1844, in which Body he at once took an active and interested part. He was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1845, and Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1848. In 1850 he was elected Grand Master of Rhode Island. In this latter position he was progressive and faithful. He had the honor of instituting three of Rhode Island's best Lodges, Washington, No. 11, while he was Deputy Grand Master, and Manufacturers, No. 15, and Friendship, No. 16, as Grand Master. Until within a few weeks of his death he was frequent in his visits to Lodges in the neighborhood of his home, to the Grand Secretary's office in Providence, and delighted to meet and fraternize with his Brother Odd Fellows. But he is gone!"—*Journal*, 14,633.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Death is the port where all may refuge find,
The end of labor, entry into rest;
Death hath the bounds of misery confin'd
Whose sanctuary shrouds affliction best,"

CHARLES WOODHOUSE, Past Grand Representative of Vermont, at his residence, in Rutland, Vermont, October 15th, 1894, aged eighty-one years.

"He received his favorable impression of Odd Fellowship from his early friend, the gifted and devoted apostle of the Order, Dr. WILLIAMSON, and was initiated at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1848. He was a charter member of two Lodges, Otter Creek, No. 12, and Killington Lodge, No. 29, both located at Rutland, and was also a member of the Encampment and Rebekah branches of the Fraternity. He was Grand Representative in 1876-1877, and Grand Master in 1881 and 1882. He served in public civil life two terms, as Mayor of Rutland. Past Grand Representative WOODHOUSE had clear and intellectual views on the great questions of public concern, and was ever fearless, strong and forcible in the advocacy and presentation of those views."—*Journal*, 14,285, 14,634.

COLLEY SHRIVER, Past Grand Representative of West Virginia, at his residence, in Wellsburg, West Virginia, February 24th, 1895, aged fifty-four years.

"His career as an Odd Fellow commenced in 1865, when he joined the Order at Upper Middletown, Fayette County, Pa. A few years later we find him a charter member of Triumph Lodge, No. 613, which was instituted at Brownsville, Fayette County, Pa., June, 1868. Soon after he removed to Wellsburg, West Virginia, and at once sought admission by Card into Brooks Lodge, No. 5, in 1869. There he filled the several stations with credit to himself and honor to the institution. In 1878, he withdrew only for the purpose of assisting in the formation of Bethany Lodge, No. 87, which was instituted July 16th, and there retained membership until his death. In the Encampment branch of our Order he was admitted to Wallford Encampment, No. 8, on January 14th, 1879, elected and installed Chief Patriarch July, 1880, admitted to the Grand Encampment of West Virginia in October, 1880, passed the G. P. chair in 1883, and served in this Grand Lodge as Grand Representative in 1886 and 1887. Dr. SHRIVER was a man of rare ability, genial tempered and warm hearted; his hand was always open to a Brother in need of assistance."—*Journal*, 14,635.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION,

PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1895.

Amend Article XVI., Section 2, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by adding after the word "Universe" in the fourth line of said section, the words, "*provided*, that the sons of Odd Fellows who have arrived at the age of eighteen years shall be also entitled to admission to the Order," so that when amended, Section 2 will read: No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order, except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided*, that the sons of Odd Fellows who have arrived at the age of eighteen years shall be also entitled to admission to the Order; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation. (Page 14,451.)

Resolved, That Article X., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE X.

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, with all the rights and privileges of Grand Representatives. (Page 14,572.)

Amend Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, so as to read:

SEC. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, who believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation. (Page 14,572.)

Resolved, That Section 2, of Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order, except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions may provide by constitutional enactment for the admission of Indians of not more than one-eighth part Indian blood, and *provided, further*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation. (Page 14,607.)

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OF THE

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, 1895-96.

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G. Lodge, *C. J. Brown* , P. G. M.....St. Johns.

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G. Lodge, *Jos. E. C. Farnham*, P. G. M. East Providence.
G. Enc't, Thos. M. Holden, P. G. M. . Riverpoint.
G. Enc't, *Chas. E. Peirce*, P. G. P. . . . . East Providence.

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G. Lodge, *Frank S. Emerson*, P. G. M.,
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G. Enc't, *James G. Aydelott*, P. G. Rep. . . . . Tullahoma.

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G. Lodge, *D. A. Bucher*, P. G. M. . . . . Staunton.
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G. Enc't, *H. E. Holmes*, P. G. P. . . . . Seattle.

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PAST GRAND SIRES.

1.	THOMAS WILDEY, 1825-1833	(Died Oct. 19th, 1861)	Baltimore, Md.
2.	JAMES GETTYS, 1833-1835	(Died Aug. 15th, 1844)	Georgetown, D. C.
3.	GEORGE KEYSER, 1835-1837	(Died Sept. 19th, 1837)	Baltimore, Md.
4.	SAMUEL H. PERKINS, 1837-1840	(Died May 22d, 1874)	Philadelphia, Pa.
5.	ZENAS B. GLAZIER, 1840-1841	(Died Nov. 11th, 1858)	Wilmington, Del.
6.	JOHN A. KENNEDY, 1841-1843	(Died June 20th, 1873)	New York City, N. Y.
7.	HOWELL HOPKINS, 1843-1845	(Died June 5th, 1858)	Philadelphia, Pa.
8.	THOMAS SHERLOCK, 1845-1847	(Died Oct. 15th, 1895)	Cincinnati, O.
9.	HORN R. KNEASS, 1847-1849	(Died Dec. 12th, 1861)	Philadelphia, Pa.
10.	ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, 1849-1851	(Died Dec. 14th, 1855)	Savannah, Ga.
11.	WM. W. MOORE, 1851-1853	(Died Dec. 23d, 1886)	Washington, D. C.
12.	WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE, 1853-1855	(Died Feb. 1st, 1886)	Charleston, S. C.
13.	WILLIAM ELLISON, 1855-1857	(Died Aug. 23d, 1877)	Boston, Mass.
14.	GEORGE W. RACE, 1857-1858	(Died June 17th, 1881)	New Orleans, La.
15.	SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, 1858-1860	(Died Sept. 6th, 1894)	Dayton, O.
16.	ROBERT B. BOYLSTON, 1860-1862	(Died Sept. 4th, 1865)	Winnsborough, S. C.
17.	JAMES B. NICHOLSON, 1862-1864		Philadelphia, Pa,
18.	ISAAC M. VEITCH, 1864-1866	(Died May 22d, 1884)	St. Louis, Mo.
19.	JAMES P. SANDERS, 1866-1868		Yonkers, N. Y.
20.	E. D. FARNSWORTH, 1868-1870	(Died Mar. 29th, 1893)	San Francisco, Cal.
21.	FREDERICK D. STUART, 1870-1872	(Died Jan. 25th, 1878)	Washington, D. C.
22.	CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, 1872-1874		Chicago, Ill.
23.	MILTON J. DURHAM, 1874-1876		Lexington, Ky.
24.	JOHN W. STOKES, 1876-1878	(Died Feb. 7th, 1888)	Philadelphia, Pa.
25.	JOHN B. HARMON, 1878-1880		San Francisco, Cal.
26.	LUTHER J. GLENN, 1880-1882	(Died June 9th, 1888)	Atlanta, Ga.
27.	ERIE J. LEECH, 1882-1884	(Died Aug. 29th, 1891)	Keokuk, Iowa.
28.	HENRY F. GAREY, 1884-1886	(Died July 29th, 1892)	Baltimore, Md.
29.	JOHN H. WHITE, 1886-1888		Albion, N. Y.
30.	JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, 1888-1890		Covington, Ky.
31.	CHARLES M. BUSBEE, 1890-1892		Raleigh, N. C.
32.	CL. T. CAMPBELL, 1892-1894		London, Ont., Can.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

JOHN WELCH, 1825-1829	Maryland.
THOMAS SCOTCHBURN, 1829-1833	Maryland.
ROBERT NEILSON, 1833-1835	Maryland.
JOHN PEARCE, 1835-1837	Pennsylvania.
FREDERICK LEISE, 1837-1840	New York.
WILLIAM W. MOORE, 1840-1841	District of Columbia
HORN R. KNEASS, 1841-1843	Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM S. STEWART, 1843-1845	Missouri.
ALBERT CASE, 1845-1847	South Carolina.
NEWELL A. THOMPSON, 1847-1849	Massachusetts.
ASHER B. KELLOGG, 1849-1851	Michigan.
HERMAN L. PAGE, 1851-1853	Wisconsin.
HORACE A. MANCHESTER, 1853-1855	Rhode Island.
GEORGE W. RACE, 1855-1857	Louisiana.
TIMOTHY G. SENTER, 1857-1858	New Hampshire.
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH, 1858-1860	Virginia.
MILTON HERNDON, 1860-1862	Indiana.
WILLIAM H. YOUNG, 1862-1864	Maryland.
JAMES P. SANDERS, 1864-1866	New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH, 1866-1868	Tennessee.
FREDERICK D. STUART, 1868-1870	District of Columbia.
CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, 1870-1872	Kansas.
MILTON J. DURHAM, 1872-1874	Kentucky.
JOHN W. STOKES, 1874-1876	Pennsylvania.
JOHN B. HARMON, 1876-1878	California.
LUTHER J. GLENN, 1878-1880	Georgia.
ERIE J. LEECH, 1880-1882	Iowa.
HENRY F. GAREY, 1882-1884	Maryland.
JOHN H. WHITE, 1884-1886	New York.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, 1886-1888	Kentucky.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE, 1888-1890	North Carolina.
CL. T. CAMPBELL, 1890-189	Ontario, Canada.
J. W. STEBBINS, 1892-1894	New York.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES FOR 1895-6.

1. Alberta, *North*—James H. Grierson, P. G., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
2. Alberta, *South*—L. N. McEwen, P. G.....Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.
   The latitude of the southern boundary of High river is the dividing line of the Jurisdiction of Alberta.
3. Arizona—N. A. Morford, P. G. Sec., G. Rep..Phoenix, Arizona.
4. Assiniboia, *West*—S. Hayward, P. G.... Medicine Hat, Assiniboia, Canada.
5. Assiniboia, *East*—John Tucker, P. G... Moosomin, Assiniboia, Canada.
   Longitude 106° is the dividing line of Assiniboia.
6. Chile—John Jung, P. G..... P. O. Box 415, Valparaiso, Chile, South America.
7. Cuba—Rev. J. V. Cova, P. G..... Mision Bautista, Havana, Cuba.
8. France—L. Lefebvre, P. G..... 99 Rue du Lycee, Havre, France, Europe.
9. Indian Territory, Wm. Noble, P.G., P.C.P. South McAlester, Indian Territory.
10. Japan—E. V. Thorn, P. G..... P. O. Box 33, Yokohama, Japan, Asia.
11. Mexico—Dr. A. W. Parsons, P. G..... 18 Vergara St., Mexico City, Mexico.
12. Netherlands—I. T. Philips, P. G..... Keizersgracht 685, Amsterdam, Holland, Europe.
13. Newfoundland—Wm. Bannister, P. G.. Care of A. L. Michaels & Co., Water St, St. John's, Newfoundland.
14. New Mexico, *North*—Jas. T. Newhall, G. Secretary..... Santa Fe, New Mexico.
15. New Mexico, *South*—F. G. Pratt, P. G., P. C. P..... 214 S. Second St., Albuquerque, New Mexico.
    The latitude of the northern boundary of Albuquerque is the dividing line of New Mexico.
16. Peru—F. L. Crosby, P. G., P. C. P..... Casilla 203, Lima, Peru, South America.
17. Quebec—Lyon Silverman, P. G. M..... P. O. Box 1,087, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
18. Sandwich Islands—L. L. LaPierre, P. G., P. C. P..... Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.
19. Saskatchewan—M. H. Meredith, P. G.. Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada.
20. South Carolina—R. C. Starr, G. Sec'y, P. G. Scribe..... Charleston, South Carolina.
21. Sweden—Wm. Laurentz, P. G., G. M... Regeringsgaten 32, Stockholm, Sweden, Europe.

Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe—Herman Block, P. G. M., P. G. Rep., Pinneberg bei Hamburg, Germany, Europe.

GRAND LODGES.

JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	GRAND MASTER.	P. O. ADDRESS.	GRAND SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alabama	Jasper, Tuesday, May 12, 1896	Thomas H. Holt	Birmingham	R. P. Whitman	Huntsville.
Arizona	Prescott, Monday, April 13, 1896	E. P. Van Kuren	Tucson	Eb. Williams	Nogales.
Arkansas	Little Rock, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1896	E. H. Stevenson	Fort Smith	J. B. Friedheim	Box 194, Camden.
Australasia	Sydney, Tuesday, May 19, 1896	Jas. Newton, *G. Sire.*	Hay, New South Wales	John C. Smith	I. O. O. F. Hall, Victoria and Russell Streets, Melbourne, Victoria.
New South Wales	Sydney, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1896	Alexander McKillop	Junee Junction	Henry H. Greene	I. O. O. F. Temple, Sydney.
New Zealand	Palmerston North, Tuesday, March 16, 1897	Frank Wills	Wellington	Wm. Reid	Dunedin.
South Australia	Adelaide, Tuesday, March 10, 1896	John H. Cooke	King William St., Adelaide	A. Leane	Victoria Square West, Adelaide.
Tasmania	Hobart, Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1896	David Jones	Waratah	George Good	76 Canning Street, Launceston.
Victoria	Ballarat, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1896	Walter M. Gamble	68 Charles St., Prahran	John C. Smith	I. O. O. F. Hall, Victoria and Russell Streets, Melbourne, Victoria.
British Columbia	Nanaimo, Wednesday, June 10, 1896	W. E. Holmes	Box 424, Victoria	Fred. Davey	Drawer 69, Victoria.
California	San Francisco, Tuesday, May 12, 1896	P. F. Gosbey	San Jose	George T. Shaw	I. O. O. F. Temple, San Francisco.
Colorado	Denver, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1896	M. Stockman	Silverton	H. C. McCreery	Box 33, Colorado Springs.
Connecticut	Norwich, Wednesday, May 20, 1896	David R. Alling	New Haven	Frederick Botsford	Drawer 5, New Haven.
Delaware	Wilmington, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1896	William Hutchinson	Delaware City	Isaac W. Hallam	Wilmington.
Denmark	Copenhagen, Biennial, Monday, August 17, 1896	Petrus Beyer, *G. Sire.*	Honserplads 18, Copenhagen (K)	Valdemar Petersen	Osterbrogade 68 B, Copenhagen (O).
Dist. of Columbia	Washington, Semi-annual, Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1896; Annual, Wednesday, July 15, 1896	R. H. Sorrell	329 N St., S. W., Washington	Wm. R. Hunt	1105, 4½ Street, S.W., Washington.
Florida	Ocala, Tuesday March 17, 1896	W. H. Chancey	Tallahassee	A. M. Cushman	Gainesville.
Georgia	Atlanta, Wednesday, May 27, 1896	A. N. Manucy	Savannah	John G. Deitz	Macon.

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German Empire.	Berlin, Biennial, Monday, June 21, 1897	Paul Gerlach, *G. Sire.*	Kurfursten Str. 2, Berlin, W	F. Meyendorf	Admiral Str., 12, I. Berlin, S. O.
Brandenburg	Berlin, Saturday, May 23, 1896	Dr. Ferd. Ascherson.	Horn Str. 13, Berlin, S.W.	Paul Juhre	Odd Fellows' Haus. Berlin, S. W., 13.
Hannover	Hannover, Biennial, Sunday, July 25, 1897	August Goehmann	Holty Str. 16, Hannover.	Herm. Eckhardt	Nelken Str., 15, Hannover.
Saxony	Leipzig, Biennial, Sunday, July 18, 1897	Richard Heydenhauss	Schiller Str. 14, Chemnitz	Robert Lindner	Dresdner Str., 58, I. Chemnitz.
Silesia-Posen	Inowrazlaw, Biennial, Saturday, July 10, 1897	E. Schweitzer	Nikolai-Stadtgr. 13, Breslau	E. Maiwald	Alberti Str., 8, Waldenburg in Schlessien.
Wurttemberg	Augsburg, Biennial, Sunday, July 18, 1897	Friedr. Horsch.	Vorstadt Berg, Post Str. 4, Stuttgart	August Weiss	Augsburg.
Idaho	Boise City, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1896	L. Rowley	Lewiston	A. K. Steunenberg	Caldwell.
Illinois	Springfield, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1896	Chas. F. Mansfield	Mansfield	Jas. R. Miller	Springfield.
Indiana	Indianapolis, Semi-Annual, Wednesday, May 20. 1896; Annual, Wednesday Nov. 18, 1896	Cicero F. Northern.	Greensburg	B. F. Foster	Box 89, Indianapolis
Indian Territory	Wagoner, Tuesday, April 14, 1896	H. C. Cook	Vinita	C. W. Hatfield	Wagoner.
Iowa	Mason City, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1896	Charles W. Bowen	Centerville	Wm. Musson	Des Moines.
Kansas	Leavenworth, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1896	W. T. Taylor	Topeka	C. W. Main	109 W. 6th Street, Topeka.
Kentucky	Frankfort, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1896.	C. P. Meredith	Louisville	R. G. Elliott	606 West Walnut St., Louisville.
Louisiana	Shreveport, Tuesday, March 3, 1896	Paul Lowenthal	Shrevcport	F. Grieshaber	Drawer 383, New Orleans.
Low. Prov. B. N. A.	Truro, N. S., Wednesday, Aug. 12, 1896	S. T. Rogers	Moncton, N. B	J. C. P. Frazec	Halifax, N. S.
Maine	Portland, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1896.	Clarence M. Watson	Biddeford	Joshua Davis	Portland.
Manitoba	Winnipeg, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1896	W. J. May	Carberry	R. H. Shanks	Box 235, Winnipeg,
Maryland	Baltimore, Monday, April, 20, 1896	Augustus Quandt	I. O. O. F. Temple, Baltimore	John M. Jones	I. O. O. F. Temple, Baltimore
Massachusetts	Boston, Thursday, Sept. 3, 1896.	Austin S. Esty	Somerville	John U. Perkins	515 Tremont Street, Boston.

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Michigan	Lansing, Tuesday, Oct 20, 1896	Henry N. Wilder	No. 30 Shawmut Ave., Grand Rapids.	Edwin H. Whitney	Lansing.
Minnesota	St. Paul, Wednesday, June 10, 1896	Mark W. Clay	Hutchinson	A. L. Bolton	38 Germania Bank, St. Paul.
Mississippi	Aberdeen, Tuesday, May 5, 1896.	C. L. Lincoln	Columbus	Walter S. P. Doty	Grenada.
Missouri	St. Louis, Tuesday, May 19, 1896.	Hugh S. Carnes	Trenton	E. M. Sloan	P. O. Box, 496, St. Louis.
Montana	Helena, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1896.	Thos. Stees	Butte	A. J. White	Box 485, Butte.
Nebraska	Lincoln, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1896	H. S. Hotchkiss	Lincoln	I. P. Gage	Fremont.
Nevada	Reno, Tuesday, June 16, 1896.	Edgar Reinhart	Elko	L. Guggenheim	Virginia City.
New Hampshire.	Pittsfield, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1896	Clinton Collins	Marlboro	Joseph Kidder	Manchester.
New Jersey	Trenton, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1896	Fergus A. Dennis	Princeton	Lewis Parker	Trenton.
New Mexico	Albuquerque, Biennial, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1896	N. E. Stevens	Albuquerque	James T. Newhall.	Santa Fe.
New York	New York, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1896	Alfred A. Guthrie	Albany	John G. Deubert	853 Broadway, New York.
North Carolina	Goldsboro, Tuesday, May 12, 1896	Chas. F. Lumsden	Raleigh	B. H Woodell	120 W. Market Street, Greensboro.
North Dakota	Lisbon, Tuesday, June 2, 1896.	H. A. McConville	Wheatland	Don. McDonald	Grand Forks.
Ohio	Lima, Tuesday, May 19, 1896.	B. S. Dryfus	Shawnee, Perry Co	C. H. Lyman	I. O. O. F. Temple, Columbus.
Oklahoma	Hennessey, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1896	D. L. Larsh	Norman	J. B. May	El Reno.
Ontario	Sarnia, Wednesday, Aug. 12, 1896	Thomas Woodyatt	Brantford	J. B. King	42 King St. East, Toronto.
Oregon	Astoria, Wednesday, May, 20, 1896	T. J. Stites	Albany	E. E. Sharon	Room 10, I. O. O. F. Temple, Portland.
Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh, Annual, Tuesday, May 19, 1896; Philadelphia, Semi-annual, Tuesday, November 17, 1896	Chas. Chalfant	Danville	Jas. B. Nicholson	I. O. O. F. Temple, Philadelphia.
Quebec	Montreal, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1895,	James A. Robb	Valleyfield	T. J. Potter	P. O. Box 432, Montreal.
Rhode Island	Providenec, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1896	George F. Mackinnon	Prov. News Co., Providence	Wm. H. T. Mosley.	97 Weybosset Street, Providence.
South Carolina.	Piedmont, Wednesday, May 13, 1896	W. E. Arthur	Graniteville	W. S. Brown	P. O. Box 65, Columbia,

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South Dakota	Hot Springs, Tuesday, May 19, 1896	Willis E. Benedict	Custer	Harvey J. Rice	Huron.
Sweden	Malmo, Monday, May 18, 1896	Wm. Laurentz	Stockholm	Fred. Geijer	Stockholm.
Switzerland	Zurich, Saturday, March 28, 1896	Kurt Demme, *G. Sire.*	Dalmazi, Bern	F. Kunz	43 Belp Str., Bern.
Tennessee	Nashville, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1896	Irby W. Holt	Dayton	John R. Harwell	Nashville.
Texas	Houston, Monday, Feb. 3, 1896	W. L. Blanton	Gainesville	G. C. Fahm	Dallas.
Utah	Salt Lake City, Tuesday, April 14, 1896.	E. S. Luty	Ogden	W. J. Moore	Box 40, Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Rutland, Wednesday, May 13, 1896	Crosby A. Perry	Readsboro	Harry E. Parker	Bradford.
Virginia	Charlottsville, Tuesday, April 14, 1896	Hill Montague	Richmond	T. Wiley Davis	Richmond.
Washington	Vancouver, Tuesday, June 2, 1896	Jerry Fortain	Tacoma	Le F. A. Shaw	Walla Walla.
West Virginia	Hinton, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1896	S. L. Dodd	Little Georgetown	E. A. Billingslea	Lock Box 234, Fairmont.
Wisconsin	Stevens Point, Tuesday, June 2, 1896	L. H. Mead	Shell Lake	Richard Hoe	35 Mitchell Building, Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Casper, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1896.	David McCullagh	Laramie	Louis Miller.	Box 679, Laramie.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	GRAND PATRIARCH.	P. O. ADDRESS.	GRAND SCRIBE.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alabama	Jasper, Monday, May 11, 1896	Thos. H. Holt	Birmingham	Robt. West	412 Clayton Street, Montgomery.
Arkansas	Little Rock, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1896	A. S. Jett	Fulton	J. B. Friedheim	P. O. Box 194, Camden.
Australasia—					
N. South Wales	Sydney, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1896	John Webb	135 Bathurst St., Sydney	Alex. Spence	135 Bathurst Street, Sydney.
South Australia	Adelaide, Tuesday, Feb, 18, 1896	Stephen W. McGargill	York, Beverly P. O.	A. Leane	Victoria Square W., Adelaide.
Victoria	Ballarat, ———, ——, ——	Joseph Brooke	Gipps Street, Richmond	W. D. McKee	Bridge St., Ballarat, E.
British Columbia	Nanaimo, Tuesday, June 9, 1896	Robt. Rivers	Nanaimo	J. B. Ballantyne	P. O. Box 325, New Westminster.
California	Santa Cruz, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1896	Geo. W. Reid	Santa Cruz	Wm. H. Barnes	I. O. O. F. Hall, San Francisco.
Colorado	Denver, Monday, Oct. 12, 1896	N. Koenig	Golden	J. M. Norman	Mining Exc., Denver
Connecticut	Meriden, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1896	Dumond P. Merwin	Drawer 7, Milford.	Frederick Botsford	Drawer 5, New Haven.
Delaware	Wilmington, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1896	H. C. Clark	St. George's	Edwin Hirst	609 Madison Street, Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia	Washington, Semi-annual, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1896; Annual, Tuesday, July 14, 1896	D. W. Keck	516, 7th St., N. E., Washington	E H. Pearson	130, 11th Street, S. E., Washington.
Florida	Sanford, Wednesday, Mar. 18, 1896	H. W. Price	Hawthorn	B. A. Meginniss	Tallahassee.
Georgia	Atlanta, Tuesday, May 26, 1896	Geo. W. Rush	Brunswick	John G. Deitz	Macon.
Idaho	Boise City, Monday, Oct. 19, 1896.	H. H. Hoff	Montpelier	A. K. Steinenberg	Caldwell.
Illinois	Springfield, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1896	Julius H. Raible	Alton	John C. Smith	65 Sibley St., Chicago.
Indiana	Indianapolis, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1896	James M. Lang	Sullivan	B. F. Foster	Box 89, Indianapolis.
Iowa	Mason City, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1896	J. T. Genevay	Des Moines	Wm. Musson	Des Moines.
Kansas	Horton, Wednesday, June 3, 1896.	J. S. Collins	Topeka	Ed. T. Rees	Leavenworth.
Kentucky	Frankfort, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1896	Byron Rudy	Maysville	R. G. Elliott	606 West Walnut St., Louisville.
Louisiana	New Orleans, Wednesday, March 25, 1896	A. S. Dyar	214 St. Charles St., 1st District, New Orleans	F. Grieshaber	Drawer 383, New Orleans.
Maine	Portland, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1896.	Joseph T. Mason	Biddeford	Benjamin C. Stone	Portland.
Manitoba	Winnipeg, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1896.	Joseph R. Alexander	Winnipeg	D. E. McKinnon	Winnipeg.
Maritime Prov's.	Truro, N. S., Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1896	J. R. McKee	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	A. D. Grant	New Glasgow, N. S.
Maryland	Baltimore, Monday, Oct. 19, 1896.	B. F. Zimmerman	Baltimore	Jno. M. Jones	I. O. O. F. Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Boston, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1896.	Winslow J. Rowell	Lynn	John U. Perkins	515 Tremont Street, Boston.

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Michigan	Allegan, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1896	Henry Lever	Fremont	Edwin H. Whitney	Lansing.
Minnesota	Minneapolis, Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1896	E. G. Bloomfield	Willmar	S. E. Ferree	765 Temple Court, Minneapolis.
Mississippi	Aberdeen, Monday, May 4. 1896	Samuel French	Vicksburg	Isaac D. Blumenthal	Holly Springs.
Missouri	St. Louis, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1896	S. W. Hoover	Harrisonville	E. M. Sloan	Box 496, St. Louis.
Montana	Helena, Thursday, Oct. 22, 1896	Henry McMurphey	Butte	A. J. White	Box 485, Butte.
Nebraska	Lincoln, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1896	Nicholas Klein	North Platte	I P. Gage	Fremont.
Nevada	Reno, Monday, June 15, 1896	R. C. Leeper	Reno	L. Guggenheim	Virginia City.
New Hampshire	Pittsfield, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1896	Dr. Charles F. Ober	Milford	Joseph Kidder	Manchester.
New Jersey	Trenton, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1896	Albert Bunn	Parker	Lewis Parker	Trenton.
New York	Troy, Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1896	William W. Lee	317 River St., Troy.	John G. Deubert	853, Broadway, New York.
North Carolina	New Bern, Wednesday, Aug. 5, 1896	Howard E. Heartt	Durham	Geo. L. Tonnoffski	108 & 110 E. Hargett St., Raleigh.
North Dakota	Lisbon, Tuesday, June 2, 1896	F. F. Montgomery	Jamestown	W. H. McPherson	Valley City.
Ohio	Marion, Tuesday, July 14, 1896	J. A. Robinson	Cleveland	F. C. Garrett	Dayton.
Oklahoma	Ponca City, Wednesday, March 11, 1896	J. N. Egleston	El Reno	J. B. May	El Reno.
Ontario	Niagara Falls, Tuesday, July 28, 1896	John J. Reed	Montreal, Quebec.	M. D. Dawson	London.
Oregon	Astoria, Tuesday, May 12, 1896	Richard Scott	Milwaukee	E. E. Sharon	Room 10, I. O. O. F. Temple, Portland.
Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh, Annual, Monday, May 18, 1896; Philadelphia, Semi-annual, Monday, Nov. 16, 1896.	F. L. B. Keffer	I. O. O. F., Temple, Philadelphia	James B. Nicholson	I. O. O. F. Temple, Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Providence, Wednesday, March 4, 1896	Herbert R. Perkins	East Providence	Wm. H. T. Mosley	97 Weybosset Street, Providence.
South Dakota	Hot Springs, Thursday, May 21, 1896	M. A. Heath	Groton	Geo. H. Waskey	Madison.
Tennessee	Nashville, Biennial, Monday, Oct. 19, 1896	H. L. Mitchell	Rockwood	John R. Harwell	Nashville.
Texas	Houston, Monday, Feb. 3, 1896	S. Marx	Waco	Henry A. Linn	P. O. Box 802, Austin.
Utah	Salt Lake City, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1896	L. E. Hubbard	Park City	W. J. Moore	Box 40, Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Rutland, Tuesday, May 19, 1896.	Louis V. Green	Rutland	Chas. W. Farr	St. Johnsbury.
Virginia	Lynchburg, Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1896	George A. Walker	Fredericksburg	Thomas V. Turney	Fortress Monroe.
Washington	Vancouver, Monday, June 1, 1896.	S. F. Henderson	Walla Walla	Harry Nash	Tacoma.
West Virginia	Hinton, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1896	Chas. L. Simpson	Huntington	H. A. Uthman	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	Hudson, Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1896	H. L. Whittier	Eau Claire	L. O. Holmes	Baraboo.
Wyoming	Casper, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1896	Thomas Cottle	Rock Springs	Louis Miller	Box 679, Laramie.

REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES.

JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	PRESIDENT.	P. O. ADDRESS.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Arkansas	Little Rock, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1896	Miss Eliza Haney	Bentonville	Mrs. Julia A. Potter	Morrilton.
California	San Francisco, Tuesday, May 12, 1896	Miss Fannie Benjamin	Los Angeles	Mrs. Mary E. Donoho	Vacaville.
Colorado	Denver, Monday, Oct. 19, 1896	Mrs. Margaret Timberlake	Holyoke	Mrs. Mary P. Goldsworthy	Boulder.
Connecticut	Bridgeport, ——— Oct. —, 1896.	Mrs. Mary E. Read	30 Foster St., Danbury	Mrs. Hannah S. Harvey	42 Madison Ave., Bridgeport.
Idaho	Boise City, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1896	Mrs. Ada Davis	Lewiston	Mrs. Minnie Priest Dunton	Idaho City.
Illinois	Springfield, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1896	Mrs. Nellie L. Harris	402 East 40th St., Chicago	Mrs. Lola L. Rickard	Olney.
Indiana	Indianapolis, Monday, May 4, 1896	Mrs. Mary S. Streepey	New Albany	Mrs. Sadie E. Carter	Camden.
Iowa	Mason City, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1896	Mrs. Helen R. Griffith	Mt. Pleasant	Miss S. Elizabeth Matheney	Keokuk.
Kansas	Leavenworth, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1896	Mrs. Barbara Elizabeth Pond	22 Hill St., Fort Scott	Mrs. Lydia Sheppard	418 East Central Ave., Wichita.
Massachusetts.	Orange, Friday, May 8, 1896	Mrs. Emma Billings	19 Magazine St., Cambridgeport	Mrs. Sarah A. Barry	70 Sullivan St., Charlestown.
Minnesota	St. Paul, Wednesday, June 10, 1896	Mrs. Helen K. Fowler	St. Paul	Mrs. Eunice Melville	Minneapolis.
Missouri	St. Louis, Monday, May 18, 1896.	Mrs. Jennie L. Carpenter	Rolla	Mrs. Retta L. Ginn	Trenton.
Nebraska	Lincoln, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1896	Mrs. Rose McGiverin	Fremont	Miss Mary C. Sperry	Beatrice.
New Jersey	Paterson, Monday, Oct. 19, 1896.	Mrs. Carolina Voelker	2414 Arctic Ave., Atlantic City	Mrs. Mary I. Pullen	Arlington, Hudson Co.
New York	Buffalo, Tuesday, May 19, 1896.	Mrs. Sarah E. Jenkins	425 Gates Ave., Brooklyn	Miss Agnes E. Rogers	1 High Street, Newburgh.
North Dakota.	Lisbon, Tuesday, June 2, 1896.	Mrs. Mary Merriell	Hope	Mrs. Mary McLaughlin	Hope.
Ohio	Zanesville, Wednesday, April 8, 1896	Mrs. Margaret Merwin	Garrettsville	Mrs. Emma M. Bell	286 Neil Street, Columbus.
Ontario	Sarnia, Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1896.	Mrs. Elizabeth Lee	Kingston	Mrs. Maggie Waddle	P. O. Box 1084, St. Thomas.
Oregon	Astoria, Tuesday, May 19, 1896.	Mrs. Ella J. Gates	Lafayette	Mrs. Winnie Graham	Roseburg.
Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh, Tuesday, May 19, 1896.	Mrs. Tillie G. Haines	2507 Beale Ave., Altoona	Mrs. Mary N. Joslyn	1210 Fairmount Av., Philadelp'a.
South Dakota.	Hot Springs, Tuesday, May, 19, 1896	Mrs. Hattie B. Borland	Madison	Mrs. Florence M. Jones	Britton, Marshall Co.
Vermont	Bennington, Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1896	Mrs. H. L. Stillson	Bennington	Mrs. O. B. Boyce	Barre.
Washington	Vancouver, Monday, June 1, 1896	Mrs. Anna H. Lueders	Tacoma	Mrs. Nellie M. Knoff	Seattle.
West Virginia	Morgantown, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1896	Mrs. L. A. Roach	West Grafton	Mrs. Hattie Roney	Colliers.
Wisconsin.	Stevens Point, Tuesday, June 2, 1896	Mrs. Delia A. Buck	Oshkosh	Mrs. Sarah E. Hutchinson	Green Bay.

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PART III.—REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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No. 1. *On Revision of the Patriarchs Militant Ritual.*
The committee report, that they have given the matter attention, "but are not fully satisfied with the work accomplished," and ask that they "be granted until the next annual session of this Body in which to make their report."
Report (No. 15), by Rep. Merriman, of Massachusetts, chairman, 14,462
Referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant..... 14,462

No. 2. *On Transportation.*
The committee report, that the best they could do was to obtain "a rate of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan" for transportation to and from Atlantic City.
Report (No. 16), by Rep. Cockrum, of Indiana, chairman..... 14,463
Referred to the Committee on Finance..... 14,463

No. 3. *On the Resignation of Bro. I. A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer.*
The committee recommend "that, in view of the statements made by him as to his failing health, the resignation be accepted," and "that it be placed upon record the unfeigned reluctance with which this Grand Body is deprived of the eminent and valued services of the distinguised Brother, who has so faithfully discharged for eleven years, the responsible fiduciary trust with that integrity, which characterizes the noblest work of God—an honest man."
Report by Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, chairman..... 14,473
Considered and unanimously adopted by a rising vote..... 14,473

No. 4. *On the Honorable Veteran Jewel.*
The committee submit the following for adoption:
"*Resolved*, That, whenever it can be certified that the continuous good standing in membership of fifty years was not interrupted exceeding four years, and then only while the Grand Lodge of the State did not work, and thereby deprived the Subordinates of the regular means of work, such members of Subordinates shall be entitled to receive and wear the 'Honorable Veteran Jewel.'"
Report (No. 59), by Rep. Gaster, of North Carolina, chairman, 14,507
Considered and adopted..... 14,516

No. 5. *On Veteran Odd Fellows.*
As to the memorial from the associated Lodges of Kentucky and Indiana, the committee are of "opinion that it would be unwise to undertake at the present time the development of a National Odd Fellows' Home," and as to the memorial and petition from the Grand Lodges of Nebraska and New York, they "deem it inexpedient to authorize State Grand Lodges to assess their Subordinate membership for the purpose of paying benefits to the class of members referred to."
Report (No. 136), by Rep. Weir, of Nebraska, chairman..... 14,556
Considered and adopted..... 14,569

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No. 6. *On the Office of the Grand Secretary.*

The committee recommend the unanimous adoption of the following:

"*Resolved*, That the committee, in connection with the Grand Treasurer, be authorized to purchase, in fee, for $28,750, the building known as Nos. 23 and 25 N. Liberty street, and now occupied by the Grand Secretary as the Headquarters of the Order."

Report (No. 149), by Rep. Young, of Maryland, chairman..... 14,575
Considered and adopted..... 14,608

No. 7. *On the Homes and Buildings of the Order.*

The committee "regard the collection and publication of the statistics on said subjects of the very highest importance to the Order," and submit resolutions requiring certain detailed information concerning the same from the Directors or Managers, also from the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments as to such property owned by their Subordinates, and instruct the Grand Secretary "to furnish Subordinate Grand Secretaries with a blank form to be a guide for uniformity in procuring said statistics."

Report (No. 167), by Rep. Humphrey, of Illinois, chairman... 14,589
Considered and amended by adding in the first resolution, after the word "boundaries," the words "and under their control," and, as amended, adopted..... 14,610

No. 8. *On Thanks.*

The committee for the courtesies received during the session submit resolutions tendering the thanks of the Grand Body to his Honor, the Mayor of Atlantic City; the Grand Master, Grand Patriarch and Mrs. Sarah A. Dutcher, President of the Rebekah Assembly, Executive and General Committees, American Star Lodge, No. 148, American Star Encampment, No. 8, Columbia Rebekah Lodge, No. 14, the Patriarchs Militant of the Parade Committee, the daily and Associated Press of Atlantic City.

Report (No. 193), by Rep. Merriman, of Massachusetts..... 14,614
Considered and adopted..... 14,614

STANDING COMMITTEES.

APPEALS.

No. 1. *C. W. Wernicke* vs. *Grand Lodge of Idaho.*

Bro. Wernicke, at a session of his Grand Lodge, proposed to amend a section of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges relating to the qualification for Degrees. The Grand Lodge refused to adopt the amendment, which dispensed with an examination as to proficiency, and from this refusal the appeal was taken.

The committee say: "Inasmuch as this Grand Lodge has no power to direct State Grand Bodies how to frame their subordinate Constitutions, except that such Constitutions shall not be in conflict with the general law as established by this Grand Lodge, and inasmuch as it does not appear necessary to adopt such an amendment to bring about such a result in the matter in hand, it follows that the appeal should be dismissed, which course is hereby recommended."

Report (No. 3), by Rep. Whitlock, of New York..... 14,430
Considered and adopted..... 14,461

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No. 2. *Louis Lask* vs. *Grand Lodge of California.*

On the death of Joseph Lask, a member of Yuba Lodge, No. 5, his brother Louis claimed the sum of seventy-five dollars funeral expenses. His claim was rejected by the Lodge, and, on appeal, the Grand Lodge of California sustained the Lodge. The Grand Body, in its construction of the By-Laws, limited the payment of such expenses to the Order, his family or dependent relatives, but the By-Laws of the Lodge provided that "on the death of a Brother the sum of seventy-five dollars shall be appropriated, and paid by the N. G., toward paying his funeral expenses. * * * * If no funeral expenses are incurred by the death of a Brother, no appropriation shall be made from the funds of the Lodge."

The committee say, that "the funeral expenses for the burial of Joseph Lask were incurred and paid by Louis Lask is not disputed; and under the decision of this Grand Body at its last session in the appeal of J. B. Crawford, P. G. M., (Journal, 1894, p. 13,989), your committee are of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of California should have sustained the appeal of said Louis Lask, and they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the appeal of Louis Lask be sustained, and that the Grand Lodge of California be directed to require Yuba Lodge, No. 5, to pay the said appellant the sum of seventy-five dollars allowed by its By-Lays for funeral expenses."

Report (No. 4), by Rep. Keller, of Texas..... 14,430
Considered and adopted..... 14,461

No. 3. *V. V. Stewart* vs. *Grand Lodge of Colorado.*

This is a claim for benefits, prosecuted by Bro. Stewart on behalf of Bro. S. K. Skinner, who claimed benefits from Burnham Lodge, No. 57, of Colorado, but the case is not decided on its merits. The committee say, "the record in the case as it comes to your committee, is very unsatisfactory and imperfect. We do not feel that we can fairly decide the case as it comes to us at this time. It will be certainly more satisfactory to all parties to have this question fairly considered so that we offer the following:

"*Resolved*, That this cause be continued with the instruction to the Grand Lodge of Colorado, to transmit to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge the full and complete record of this cause, including certified records and all testimony in the case of whatever character, and if there be no additional record to that heretofore transmitted, and now in the hands of your committee, that a new investigation of the whole case be had in Burnham Lodge, No. 57, and a full record of the investigation of Bro. Skinner's right to the money claimed be preserved."

Report (No. 5), by Rep. Cockrum, of Indiana..... 14,431
Considered and adopted..... 14,461

No. 4. *John T. McShane* vs. *Grand Lodge of Indiana.*

Bro. McShane was expelled by his Lodge, Carmel, No. 401, for using indecent and profane language, and for renouncing

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and censuring his Lodge. On appeal to the Grand Lodge of Indiana the action of his Lodge was affirmed. He then brought this appeal.

The language, upon which the charges are based, was used on two different occasions and with different persons. On the first occasion the provocation was great enough to justify the language used, which, in fact, was no offence to the Order. On the second occasion the offence was followed by a prompt and complete apology.

The committee say, that "this letter of apology, following closely upon the charge, robbed the case of its worst feature"; that "the charge of renouncing and censuring the Order is not sustained by the evidence," and recommend the following:

"*Resolved*, That the appeal be sustained; that the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana be reversed, and that the charges be dismissed."

Report (No. 6), by Rep. Humphrey, of Illinois..... 14,432
Considered and adopted..... 14,461

No. 5. *Massasoit Encampment, No.* 1, vs. *Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Massasoit Encampment voted to invest one thousand dollars in the stock of the Boston Association of Odd Fellows. From this action an appeal was taken to the Grand Encampment which restrained the Encampment from making the investment. The uniform Constitution for Subordinates in the State provides that the "Trustees shall deposit in some reliable trust or banking company, or invest in any other manner this Encampment may direct, all moneys they may receive from the Treasurer or otherwise." The action of the Grand Encampment was based upon the belief that the Encampment was investing an unreasonable amount of its funds in said Association, so as to disable it from responding to the calls likely to be made on it for the relief of its distressed members.

The committee say, "the record shows that Massasoit Encampment has an invested fund of more than ten thousand dollars, and there can be no danger of its not being amply able to meet all demands that may be made upon it for the purpose of relieving its distressed members." The committee submit a resolution, sustaining the appeal and setting aside the action of the Grand Encampment.

Report (No. 7), by Rep. Semmes, of Alabama..... 14,433
Considered and adopted..... 14,461

No. 6. *Grand Lodge of Quebec* vs. *Anchor Lodge, No.* 66, *Colorado.*

This is a claim for $38.50 sick benefits paid by Mispah Lodge, No. 3, of Montreal, Quebec, to a former member of Anchor Lodge, No. 66, Denver, Colorado. The committee report, that the "matter was fully investigated and passed upon by the Grand Lodge of Colorado, at its session of 1894, at the instance of Mispah Lodge, No. 3, of Montreal, and we find no appeal from that action of the Grand Lodge of Colorado," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report (No. 8), by Rep. Guyton of Maryland..... 14,435

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Considered and amended by adding thereto "and that the same be referred to the Committee on Petitions, and, as amended, adopted 14,461

No. 7. *Thomas C. Gray* vs. *Grand Lodge of British Columbia.*

The Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada made application for a certificate to do business in British Columbia, under the insurance legislation of 1892 of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge refused to grant a certificate. The Odd Fellows Insurance Association of British Columbia, at the same time, claimed exemption from the requirement of taking a certificate under the Grand Sire's decisions Nos. 32 and 33, session of 1893. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia granted the claim for exemption and from its action in both cases, Bro. Gray brought this appeal.

The committee refer to the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, No. 185, pages 13,660, 13,861, Journal of 1893 and say: "By this action your committee must be governed, and if the law as solemnly declared in 1893, is not satisfactory, it can be amended or repealed only by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which enacted it, but while of force it must be respected and obeyed. Under this law no license or certificate is required for an Odd Fellows Insurance Association of a Jurisdiction doing business only in such Jurisdiction. Under the general law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge with respect to such Insurance Associations, a Grand Lodge can refuse license or certificate to all companies or associations requiring the same as a pre-requisite to transacting business. Assuming as we feel authorized by the record to do, that the Odd Fellows Insurance Association of British Columbia does business only in that Province, we submit the following:

"*Resolved*, That the appeal of Thos. C. Gray, P. G. M., be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in both questions, made in said appeal, be sustained."

Report (No. 9), by Rep. Goodwin, of Georgia, chairman..... 14,435
Considered and postponed until Tuesday..... 14,461
Considered again and adopted 14,471

No. 8. *C. L. Hubbs* vs. *Grand Lodge of New Mexico.*

Charges were preferred against Bro. Hubbs in his Lodge, Albuquerque, No. 1, and he was notified to file his bill of exceptions to the testimony reported by the Trial Committee on or before the 13th day of February, 1893. On the 10th of February, 1893, without further notice to Bro. Hubbs, the Lodge voted to suspend him for thirty days. On February 17th, 1893, the N. G., without notice to the defendant declared the action taken on February 10th, irregular and illegal. The charges, specifications and evidence were then resubmitted, and the defendant found guilty and expelled. The defendant's appeal from the action of the Lodge to the Grand Master was sustained, and he was declared entitled to the rights of a member in good standing. In this case the Grand Lodge of New Mexico adopted the following: "*Resolved*, First, that the action of Albuquerque Lodge, No. 1, be annulled and that C. L. Hubbs be reinstated in membership. Second, that the Lodge proceed to dispose of

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the case on the charge against him." From this action Bro. Hubbs brings this appeal.

The committee say, that part first of said resolution affirmed the decision of the Grand Master; that the record does not show any appeal from his decision, and that "under the law of New Mexico, unless appealed from and reversed, it has full force, and in this instance was final"; that "the defendant having once been put upon his trial, and a penalty imposed, could not again be called upon to defend against the same charges, and that the action of the Trial Lodge on February 17th, 1893, was irregular and illegal," and submit a resolution sustaining the appeal, reversing the action of the Grand Lodge as to another trial on the charges, and directing his Lodge to restore him to his rights as a member.

Report (No. 10), by Rep. Dilley, of Missouri..... 14,438
Considered and postponed until Tuesday..... 14,461
Considered again and adopted..... 14,471

No. 9. *H. E. Holmes* vs. *Grand Lodge of Washington.*

"The Grand Master's answer to the following question was no: If a member has made the statement before initiation that he was to the best of his knowledge, in sound health, and at the same time was drawing a pension from the U. S. Government for a physical infirmity, is he entitled to sick benefits"? The Grand Lodge of Washington approved this decision and from this action Bro. Holmes appeals.

The committee "find that the decision of the Grand Lodge of Washington is too broad, because it assumes that 'physical infirmity' means 'unsound health,' which may or may not be true. If the 'physical infirmity' were such as to make the member eligible for sick benefits, the proper answer would be 'no'; but otherwise should be in the affirmative." A resolution is submitted, that the answer of the Grand Master be modified in accordance with the foregoing, and, as so modified, approved.

Report (No. 11), by Rep. Cook, of Massachusetts..... 14,440
Considered and adopted..... 14,462

No. 10. *John J. Manderschied* vs. *Grand Lodge of New Jersey.*

Bro. Manderschied claimed benefits from his Lodge, which were refused. His appeal to the Grand Master was sustained, but reversed by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The law of this Jurisdiction provides that in all cases of appeal, the same must be taken by filing notice thereof with the Lodge Secretary within sixty days after the action complained of.

The committee say that "he allowed more than eighty days to elapse, after notice to him, before appealing." Having failed "to appeal within the time allowed by law, the appellant had no standing before the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which very properly decided against him on that ground." The committee submit the following:

"*Resolved*, That the appeal of John J. Manderschied, against the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, be dismissed, and that the action of said Grand Lodge in the premises be sustained and affirmed."

Report (No. 18), by Rep. Whitlock, of New York..... 14,464
Considered and adopted..... 14,471

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CONSTITUTIONS.

No. 1. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California. Approved.
Report (No. 69), by Rep. Mack, of Nevada, chairman..... 14,527
Considered and adopted..... 14,565

No. 2. Amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Utah. Approved.
Report (No. 70), by Rep. Wiley, of Texas..... 14,527
Considered and adopted..... 14,565

No. 3. By-Laws of Coalgate Encampment, No. 6, Indian Territory. Approved.
Report (No. 71), by Rep. Brownlee, of Louisiana..... 14,527
Considered and adopted..... 14,565

No. 4. Constitution of the Department Council of Pensylvania. Approved.
Report (No. 72), by Rep. Brownlee, of Louisiana..... 14,528
Considered and adopted..... 14,565

No. 5. Code of Laws of the Department Council of Missouri. Approved.
Report (No. 73), by Rep. Brownlee, of Louisiana..... 14,528
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 6. Code of By-Laws of the Department Council of New York. The committee say they cannot report thereon, because they have not in their possession a copy of said Code.
Report (No. 74), by Rep. Brownlee, of Louisiana..... 14,529
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 7. By-Laws of Suecia Encampment, No. 1, Sweden. Approved.
Report (No. 75), by Rep. Thompson, of California..... 14,529
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 8. Amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Minnesota. Approved.
Report (No. 76), by Rep. Trumpler, of Rhode Island..... 14,529
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 9. Amended By-Laws of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Sandwich Islands. Approved.
Report (No. 77), by Rep. Thompson, of California..... 14,529
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 10. Amended By-Laws of Raton Encampment, No. 5, New Mexico. Amended and approved.
Report (No. 78), by Rep. Thompson, of California..... 14,530
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 11. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Approved.
Report (No. 79), by Rep. Aten, of Kansas..... 14,530
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 12. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Approved.
Report (No. 80), by Rep. Wiley, of Texas..... 14,530
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

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No. 13. Constitution of the Department Council of New Hampshire. Approved.
Report (No. 81), by Rep. Trumpler, of Rhode Island..... 14,531
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 14. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. Approved.
Report (No. 82), by Rep. Schnauber, of South Dakota..... 14,531
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 15. By-Laws of Wasa Encampment, No. 2, Sweden. Approved.
Report (No. 83), by Rep. Munsell, of Missouri..... 14,531
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 16. Amended By-Laws of Friendship Lodge, No. 7, Alberta, Canada. Approved.
Report (No. 84), by Rep. Davis, of Michigan..... 14,531
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 17. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Approved.
Report (No. 85), by Rep. Munsell, of Missouri..... 14,532
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 18. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Approved.
Report (No. 86), by Rep. Munsell, of Missouri..... 14,532
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 19. Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts. Approved.
Report (No. 87), by Rep. Munsell, of Missouri..... 14,532
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 20. Amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Georgia and the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia. Approved.
Report (No. 88), by Rep. Aten, of Kansas..... 14,532
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 21. Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Sweden. Approved.
Report (No. 89), by Rep. Schnauber, of South Dakota..... 14,533
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 22. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. Approved in part and disapproved in part.
Report (No. 90), by Rep. Brownlee, of Louisiana..... 14,533
Considered and adopted..... 14,566

No. 23. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Washington. Approved.
Report (No. 91), by Rep. Morford, of Arizona..... 14,533
Considered and adopted..... 14,567

No. 24. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Approved in part and disapproved in part.
Report (No. 92), by Rep. Welch, of Delaware..... 14,534
Considered and adopted..... 14,567

No. 25. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. Approved.
Report (No. 98), by Rep. Morford, of Arizona..... 14,536
Considered and adopted..... 14,567

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No. 26. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas. Approved in part and disapproved in part.
Report (No. 127), by Rep. Davis, of Michigan..... 14,552
Considered and adopted..... 14,569

No. 27. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Approved.
Report (No. 128), by Rep. Morford, of Arizona..... 14,553
Considered and adopted..... 14,569

No. 28. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Arizona. Approved.
Report (No. 129), by Rep. Morford, of Arizona..... 14,553
Considered and adopted..... 14,569

No. 29. Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Indiana. Approved.
Report (No. 130), by Rep. Welch, of Delaware..... 14,554
Considered and adopted..... 14,569

No. 30. Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Virginia. Approved.
Report (No. 131), by Rep. Welch, of Delaware..... 14,554
Considered and adopted..... 14,569

No. 31. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Approved.
Report (No. 132), by Rep. Mack, of Nevada, chairman..... 14,554
Considered and adopted..... 14,569

No. 32. Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio. Approved.
Report (No. 133), by Rep. Mack, of Nevada, chairman..... 14,554
Considered and adopted..... 14,569

CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 1. The committee report that they find that "the volume of business transacted by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary is rapidly increasing year by year," and attest their "high appreciation of the valuable services rendered to this Grand Body by the above named officers in so promptly and ably replying to the immense correspondence coming into their hands."
Report (No. 97), by Rep. Waller, of British Columbia, chairman, 14,535
Considered and adopted..... 14,567

CREDENTIALS.

No. 1. The committee report the credentials of Representatives correct, and submit a list of names of Representatives and recommend that they "be admitted to seats in this Grand Body."
Report (No. 1), by Rep. Waller, of British Columbia, chairman, 14,232
Considered and adopted..... 14,232

No. 2. The committee report the resignation of Rep. A. S. Weston, from the Grand Encampment of Colorado, and the appointment of Bro. Geo. M. Huskins to fill the vacancy, and recommend that he "be permitted to take the seat of Rep. A. S. Weston resigned."
Report (No. 14), by Rep. Waller, of British Columbia, chairman, 14,462
Considered and adopted..... 14,462

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DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

No. 1. Concerning petitions, from the Jurisdictions of New York, Wisconsin and Wyoming, in regard to the repeal of that portion of Section 6 of the Rebekah Code, permitting unmarried white women who have attained the age of eighteen years, etc., to become members of the Rebekah Degree, the committee say "they have carefully considered the same, and, deeming the proposed changes inexpedient, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions."

Report (No. 56), by Rep. Ward, of Kansas..... 14,496
Considered and adopted..... 14,516

No. 2. Majority report. The committee recommend that Section 6 of the Rebekah Code, should read as follows:

"Section 6. The persons herein specified shall be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge of this Order, subject to the laws, relative to residence, of this Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction in which application is made.

"1. All persons who have received the Degree of Rebekah.

"2. All Odd Fellows in good standing.

"3. All white women who have attained the age of eighteen years, who believe in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and who are of good moral character."

Report (No. 60), by Rep. Badley, of Idaho..... 14,523
Considered in connection with the minority report, No. 61, and the consideration of both reports indefinitely postponed.. 14,565

No. 3. Minority report. The committee "deem any further legislation in regard to the enlarging of the qualifications for this Degree, at this time, inadvisable."

Report (No. 61), by Rep. Reed, of Quebec..... 14,523
Considered in connection with the majority report (No. 60), and the consideration of both reports indefinitely postponed..... 14,565

No. 4. The committee deem it inexpedient that a Rebekah Lodge "may pay stated benefits or not."

Report (No. 107), by Rep. Badley, of Idaho..... 14,540
Considered and postponed until the reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,567
Considered again in connection with other reports, and indefinitely postponed..... 14,609, 14,610

No. 5. The committee report adversely to striking out paragraph 3 of Section 6, of the Rebekah Code.

Report (No. 108), by Rep. Badley, of Idaho..... 14,540
Considered and adopted..... 14,568

No. 6. The committee report adversely to amending Section 17 of the Rebekah Code, to read as follows:

"Section 17. To fix and establish initiation fees and dues to be paid at such time and in such manner as the Constitution or By-Laws may provide, and to provide by By-Laws when those in arrears shall be suspended from the rights and privileges of membership.

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"To provide by By-Laws subject to the approval of the Grand Bodies to which they are subordinate, for the payment of weekly benefits, in case of sickness or disability among the members, and for the payment of funeral expenses."

Report (No. 109), by Rep. Baker, of Illinois..... 14,541
Considered and postponed until the other reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,567
Considered again in connection with other reports and indefinitely postponed..14,609, 14,610

No. 7. The committee report adversely to the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That upon the death of a member of a Rebekah Lodge, there shall be paid a certain sum of money, the minimum of which shall be prescribed in the Rebekah Constitution of the State for the payment of funeral expenses; that the same shall be realized by a pro rata assessment upon all members."

Report (No. 110), by Rep. Baker, of Illinois..... 14,541
Considered and postponed until the other reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,567
Considered again in conjunction with other reports and indefinitely postponed.....14,609 14,610

No. 8. The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution, "that the matter in relation to benefits be no longer printed on the back of the Cards of Rebekah Lodges."

Report (No. 111), by Rep. Baker, of Illinois..... 14,541
Considered and postponed until the other reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,567
Considered again in conjunction with the other reports, and indefinitely postponed.....14,609, 14,610

No. 9. The committee deem it "unwise to establish a Past Noble Grand's Degree for Rebekahs."

Report (No. 137), by Rep. Clapp, of Ohio..... 14,556
Considered and adopted..... 14,569

No. 10. As to the committee amending the "Ceremony for Dedicating Halls, so that the Rebekah Degree be suitably represented therein," they report adversely, and say that while satisfied the present Ceremony does not fully exemplify all the principles and branches of the Order, yet it is harmonious and "cannot be satisfactorily amended by adding other sections or parts which would not probably harmonize with the balance of the Ceremony;" that it should be considered by a committee authorized to revise the same "in accordance with the present requirements of the several divisions of the Order."

Report (No. 157), by Rep. Rea, of Pennsylvania, chairman.... 14,581
Considered and adopted..... 14,609

No. 11. The committee submit a resolution "that the Grand Sire appoint a Special Committee to consist of three Grand Representatives, whose duty shall be to revise the Rebekah Ritual and report to this Grand Body at

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its next session," and that the Grand Lodge shall not be responsible for the expenses of the committee further than "the actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their trust."

Report (No. 158), by Rep. Ward, of Kansas..... 14,581
Considered and adopted..... 14,609

No. 12. The committee "deem it inexpedient and unwise" that Section 31 of the laws for the government of Rebekah Lodges be amended by inserting between the words "Vice President and Secretary," the word "Warden."

Report (No. 159), by Rep. Tucker, of Manitoba..... 14,582
Considered and adopted..... 14,609

No. 13. The committee report adversely to the adoption of the new Rebekah Code, and an amendment to Section 6, of the present Rebekah Code submitted by Reps. Pinkerton and Cook, of Massachusetts.

Report (No. 160), by Rep. Reed, of Quebec..... 14,582
Considered and adopted..... 14,609

No. 14. Concerning the nine resolutions amending Sections 11, 12, 24, 25, of the Rebekah Code, and adding thereto four new sections, etc., submitted by Rep. Waldo, of Colorado, the committee recommend the adoption of resolutions 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, and the non-adoption of resolutions 3, 5 and 7.

Report (No. 161), by Rep. Ward, of Kansas..... 14,582
Considered and adopted..... 14,609

No. 15. The committee recommend the non-adoption of the resolutions of Reps. Pinkerton and Cook, of Massachusetts, amending Section 18 of the Rebekah Code, and empowering "Rebekah Lodges to pay and disburse from the funds of the Lodge for the relief of the sick, the destitute and the distressed."

Report (No. 162), by Rep. Reed, of Quebec..... 14,585
Considered in connection with other reports and indefinitely postponed..... 14,609, 14,610

No. 16. The committee report adversely to the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Waldo, of Colorado, amending Section 30 of the Rebekah Code, so that the powers that may be granted to Rebekah Assemblies by their Grand Lodges shall include those which "are, and which shall hereafter be, vested in said Grand Lodges, and in any of their officers," etc.

Report (No. 163), by Rep. Musson, of Iowa..... 14,585
Considered and adopted..... 14,610

No. 17. The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Mack, of Nevada, amending Section 30, of the Rebekah Code, so as to require not less than five instead of ten Rebekah Lodges to petition for a Charter for a Rebekah Assembly.

Report (No. 164), by Rep. Musson, of Iowa..... 14,586
Considered and adopted..... 14,610

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No. 18. The committee report adversely to the repeal of the "law allowing unmarried women over eighteen years of age, regardless of relationship to Odd Fellows, to become members of the Rebekah Degree."
Report (No. 165), by Rep. Reed, of Quebec..... 14,587
Considered and adopted..... 14,610

No. 19. The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Grant, of Kentucky, adding the following to Section 6 of the Rebekah Code: "4. Provided that the word 'white,' as a condition of membership in the Order of Odd Fellows, in Section 2, Article XVI., Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall apply to all persons, male or female, applying for membership in Rebekah Lodges."
Report (No. 180), by Rep. Musson, of Iowa..... 14,597
Considered and adopted..... 14,611

No. 20. As to the resolutions amending the Rebekah Code, submitted by Rep. Nye, of Minnesota, the committee report adversely to the adoption of the resolutions authorizing Grand Lodges to "delegate the power of chartering Subordinate Rebekah Lodges"; that a "Brother who withdraws or is suspended for non-payment of dues in his Subordinate Lodge shall not thereby forfeit membership in his Rebekah Lodge for one year"; to amend Section 7, by adding the letter "s" to the word "person" and the word "member." They recommend the approval of the resolutions, amending Section 24, making the vote for applications for Withdrawal Cards to be by ball ballot; making the Jewel of the Past Noble Grand of "yellow" instead of "white" metal; how Dismissal Certificates should be issued; mode of granting Withdrawal Cards; the issuance of a certificate to a member who has been refused a Withdrawal Card.
Report (No. 184), by Rep. Reed, of Quebec..... 14,602
Considered and indefinitely postponed..... 14,612

No. 21. The committee recommend that Section 17 of the Rebekah Code be amended to read as follows: "To fix and establish initiation fees and dues, to be paid at such time and in such manner as the Constitution or By-Laws may provide, and may suspend from the rights and privileges of membership those in arrears for one year's dues."
Report (No. 187), by Rep. Badley, of Idaho..... 14,603
Considered and adopted..... 14,612

No. 22. The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution to amend Section 24 of the Rebekah Code, by inserting after the words "ball ballot," in the seventh line, the following: "Votes upon suspension for non-payment of dues shall be viva voce."
Report (No. 188), by Rep. Clapp, of Ohio..... 14,603
Considered and adopted..... 14,612

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No. 23. As to a form of Installation Ceremony for Rebekah Assemblies the committee recommend, that the matter "be referred to a Special Committee of Three, to report at the next annual session."
Report (No. 192), by Rep. Rea, of Pennsylvania, chairman.... 14,614
Considered and adopted..... 14,614

DISTRIBUTION OF GRAND OFFICERS' REPORTS.

No. 1. The committee refer to Standing and Special Committees the various matters in the Reports of the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
Report (No. 13), by Rep. Goodwin, of Georgia, chairman..... 14,443
Considered and adopted..... 14,462

DRAWING FOR SEATS.

No. 1. The committee submit a table showing the names of Jurisdictions, and the numbers of the seats to be occupied by Representatives.
Report (No. 2), by Rep. Emerson, of South Dakota, chairman.. 14,235
Considered and adopted..... 14,235

FINANCE.

No. 1. As to the bill of L. S. Baker, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, for money advanced for traveling expenses incurred in installing the officers of Innisfail and Edmonton Lodges, etc., the committee recommend that the claim be not allowed, and say, that "while deeply regretting the inconvenience and loss to which Bro. Baker may be put," to recommend "the payment of this account would be contrary to the established usages of this Sovereign Grand Body."
Report (No. 29), by Rep. Lankester, of Minnesota..... 14,481
Considered and adopted..... 14,514

No. 2. The committee submit the report of the Sub-Committee on Finance on the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; exhibit a statement of the receipts and disbursements during the year, balance on hand, assets of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and "bear willing and cheerful testimony to the efficiency and fidelity of our two faithful officers," the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
Report (No. 30), by Rep. Muckle, of Pennsylvania, chairman.. 14,482
Considered and adopted..... 14,514

No. 3. The committee recommend the payment of the bill of the Special Committee on Transportation.
Report (No. 31), by Rep. Bryant, of Nebraska..... 14,483
Considered and adopted..... 14,514

No. 4. The report of the Grand Treasurer, and such portions of the Grand Secretary's report mentioned by the committee they recommend for approval.
Report (No. 32), by Rep. Conway, of Illinois..... 14,484
Considered and adopted..... 14,514

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No. 5. The committee recommend that the Representative tax paid up to date by the Grand Encampment of Oklahoma, be remitted.
Report (No. 33), by Rep. Conway, of Illinois 14,484
Considered and adopted 14,514

No. 6. The committee recommend the additional appropriation of $44.50 to pay The Pettibone Brothers Manufacturing Company the balance due on the flags procured in accordance with the resolution page 14,182, Journal 1894.
Report (No. 34), by Rep. Stier, of the District of Columbia 14,484
Considered and indefinitely postponed, the subject having been disposed of in a previous report 14,514

No. 7. The committee recommend the payment of the expenses of the Grand Treasurer for rent of safe deposit box and expressage on money to Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1894.
Report (No. 35), by Rep. Stier, of the District of Columbia 14,485
Considered and adopted 14,514

No. 8. The committee recommend the payment of the bill of the Special Committee on Revision of the Patriarchs Militant Ritual.
Report (No. 42), by Rep. Bremner, of the Maritime Provinces 14,488
Considered and adopted 14,515

No. 9. The committee recommend the payment of the per diem of the Committee on Appeals.
Report (No. 43), by Rep. Jones, of Maryland 14,489
Considered and adopted 14,515

No. 10. The committee recommend the payment of the expenses and per diem of Rep. Blanks, of the Sub-Committee on Finance; expenses of the Grand Sire, J. W. Stebbins, and the expenses of the Committee on Printing Supplies.
Report (No. 44), by Rep. Cox, of Kentucky 14,489
Considered and adopted 14,515

No. 11. The committee report adversely as to the resolutions instructing the Committee on Printing Supplies "to make contract for the manufacture of uniform regalia for the Order in all the Degrees, excepting only that of Patriarchs Militant" etc., and are of opinion "that the Sovereign Grand Lodge should not go into the manufacture of regalia, nor is it expedient for it to burden itself with making contracts for the same."
Report (No. 45), by Rep. Stier, of the District of Columbia ... 14,490
Considered and adopted 14,515

No. 12. The committee submit the following:
"*Resolved*, That the sum of $2,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the printing and binding of two thousand copies of the Digest when compiled, and the sum of $1,500 or so much thereof as may be necessary be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to defray all necessary expenses in compiling, revising and indexing the Digest ready for the printer; and

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"*Resolved, further*, That the appropriation of $2,000 made at the session of 1894 for the purpose of compiling and printing the Digest, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; also, be it

"*Resolved*, That Grand Sire John W. Stebbins, who has during the past year, given so much attention to the matter of revising and printing a new Digest, be, and he is hereby, requested to continue his careful supervision of the revising, compiling and printing the Digest, until the same is completed."

Report (No. 96), by Rep. Conway, of Illinois 14,535
Considered and adopted 14,567

No. 13. The committee authorize the Committee on Printing Supplies to procure a sufficient number of shields for parade purposes, to be loaned to the reception committee of the Jurisdiction where this Grand Lodge may convene, etc.; the cost of making the same not to exceed $200.

Report (No. 138), by Rep. Ringler, of West Virginia 14,557
Considered and indefinitely postponed 14,569

No. 14. As to the claim for the payment of a protested check of John C. Underwood, L. G., made payable to Gen. E. Burritt Palmer, of Massachusetts, amounting to $53.35, the committee report, that they "are informed that Gen. E. B. Palmer having refused to receipt for said amount, the payment of this check was stopped"; that the amount was subsequently paid to his successor; "that Gen. Palmer has no claim upon John C. Underwood as Lieutenant-General"; and that "the accounts of Gen. Underwood and this Grand Lodge have been finally settled."

Report (No. 168), by Rep. Nutt, of New Jersey 14,590
Considered and adopted 14,611

No. 15. The committee approve the resolution fixing the price of the Italian Subordinate Lodge Ritual at five dollars and "providing that of the amount so received by the Sovereign Grand Lodge from such sales, that Garibaldi Lodge, No. 321, at Galveston, Texas, be reimbursed for its outlay for having said Ritual translated, published and bound," etc.

Report (No. 177), by Rep. Muckle, of Pennsylvania, chairman.. 14,595
Considered and adopted 14,611

No. 16. The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma paid a Representative tax of $150. for 1894, but had but one Representative at the session of that year. The committee, in view of the circumstances of the case, submit a resolution "that a credit of seventy-five dollars be allowed by this Grand Body" to said Grand Lodge.

Report (No. 181), by Rep. Ringler, of West Virginia 14,597
Considered and adopted 14,611

No. 17. The committee submit estimates of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending July 31st, 1896, with resolutions authorizing the payment of the appropriations, and providing for the investment of surplus funds and the transfer and sale of securities, if necessary.

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Report (No. 183), by Rep. Muckle, of Pennsylvania, chairman.. 14,600
Considered and adopted..... 14,611

No. 18. The committee deem it inexpedient to approve the payment of the bill of "$84.50 for 62 Shields with Coats of Arms and names of States for the Parade Carriages."
Report (No. 195), by Rep. Stier, of the District of Columbia... 14,616
Considered and adopted..... 14,616

No. 19. The committee, through their chairman, to comply with the resolution on page 14,576, Journal, as to purchasing the Headquarters property in Baltimore, submit the following:
"*Resolved*, That an appropriation of $28,750 be, and is hereby, made for the purpose specified in said resolution."
Report (No. 196), by Rep. Muckle, of Pennsylvania, chairman.. 14,616
Considered and adopted..... 14,616

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

No. 1. As to the condition of the Order outside the North American Continent, the committee "recommend to the Representatives the careful reading of the official documents accompanying the Grand Sire's report, and the extracts of correspondence contained in the Grand Secretary's report." They submit recommendations as to Sweden and Italy, and resolutions approving all the acts of Bro. Herman Block, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, in instituting the Grand Lodge of Sweden and Colombo Lodge, No. 1, of Naples, Italy; appropriating $500 annually to defray the expenses of the Deputy Grand Sire of Europe; tendering the thanks of the Grand Lodge to Bro. Block for the "zealous, able and unselfish manner in which he has performed his many and arduous duties."
Report (No. 58), by Rep. Grassmann, of New Jersey, chairman 14,506
Considered and amended by striking out of the second resolution the word "annually," and, as amended, adopted..... 14,516

No. 2. In conformity with a recommendation of Bro. Herman Block, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, the committee submit a resolution "that suitable memorial pages shall be inserted in the Revised Journal of this session" for Bros. Joh. Graber, Deputy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, and Wilhelm Senn, N. G. of St. Jacob's Lodge, at Basel, Switzerland.
Report (No. 113), by Rep. Grassmann, of New Jersey, chairman 14,542
Considered and adopted..... 14,568

GRAND BODIES NOT REPRESENTED.

No. 1. The committee report that "all Jurisdictions subordinate to this Sovereign Grand Lodge are represented at this session."
Report (No. 99), by Rep. Pascoe, of Montana, chairman..... 14,536
Considered and adopted..... 14,567

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No. 1. The committee approve the Grand Sire's decisions numbered 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17 (the letter "T" meaning "Term"), 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 81, 82, 85, 86, 87, 89, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98, 99, 100, and approve, as amended, decisions numbered 9, 13, 16, 22, 28, 70, 79 and 96.

Report (No. 40), by Rep. Wright, of Pennsylvania, chairman.. 14,487
Considered and deferred until the other reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,514
Considered again and adopted..... 14,570

No. 2. The committee do not approve decisions numbered 6 and 84 of the Grand Sire and say as to decision No. 6, that "up to the year 1885, this Grand Lodge never adopted any form for petitions for membership for any branch of the Order," in that year this Grand Lodge adopted a form, and in 1886 "it was decided not to be mandatory, but left to the discretion of the several Grand Jurisdictions," and as to decision No. 84, that the law in Section 175 of the Digest "expressly authorized the preparation and printing of such certificates by Grand Lodges," etc.; that the law of 1892 (Journal, pages 13,168, 13,197) "carries with it a strong implication of power in Grand Bodies to print the prescribed form," etc.

Report (No. 63), by Rep. Waldo, of Colorado..... 14,524
Considered and deferred until the other reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,514
Considered again and adopted..... 14,570

No. 3. The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the question propounded by the Grand Master of Manitoba, as they are "prohibited by Article XXIX. of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge from considering the question," and for the further reason, that the Grand Master, under Article IV. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, can propound his question to the Grand Sire, whose decision would be reviewed by the S. G. L. when reported.

Report (No. 64), by Rep. Waldo, of Colorado..... 14,525
Considered and adopted..... 14,565

No. 4. The committee approve the decisions of the Grand Sire numbered 2, 88 and 90.

Report (No. 65), by Rep. Wright, of Pennsylvania, chairman.. 14,525
Considered and deferred until the other reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,514
Considered again and adopted..... 14,570

No. 5. The committee approve the Grand Sire's decision, numbered 21.

Report (No. 66), by Rep. Herring, of Texas..... 14,525
Considered and deferred until the other reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,514
Considered again and adopted..... 14,570

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No. 6. The committee approve the Grand Sire's decision, numbered 77, and say "the rulings heretofore made on this important question (the remission of dues) are somewhat conflicting," that "to leave such a feature optional is simply revolutionary." They submit the following:

"*Resolved*, That the general law does not permit a Lodge to remit dues. Their payment is a condition precedent to good standing and benefits."

Report (No. 67), by Rep. Herring, of Texas..... 14,526
Considered and deferred until the other reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,514
Considered again and adopted..... 14,570

No. 7. The committee approve the Grand Sire's decisions, numbered 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59 and 60.

Report (No. 104), by Rep. Nye, of Minnesota..... 14,539
Considered and deferred until the other reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,514
Considered again and adopted..... 14,570

No. 8. In approving the decision of the Grand Sire, numbered 1, the committee say "while it might appear that the decision is not in harmony with a parenthetical clause of the Rebekah Ritual," they find that such clause is not a part of the Ritual, but merely a decision of this Sovereign Grand Lodge inserted for instruction of Lodges, and was therefore, repealed by Section 34 of the Rebekah Code.

Report (No. 105), by Rep. Nye, of Minnesota..... 14,539
Considered and deferred until the other reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,514
Considered again and adopted..... 14,570

No. 9. As to the decision of the Grand Sire "that the Commission of every officer, elected or Staff, should be the same, and graded by the rank the office gives him," the committee say that in this conclusion they cannot agree, as this Grand Lodge has "enacted that the Staff Officers shall pay a higher price, possibly deeming it best that favor should be shown to those whose rank is earned by service and by election, over those who gain rank by appointment." The committee do not concur in the Grand Sire's decision, numbered 56, as they "see no incongruity between an enactment in Section 7, that the Commander of a Division shall be a Major-General, and another enactment in Section 8, that a Department Commander, where there are two Brigades in his Department, shall also be a Major-General, or hold any other rank one grade above that held by his highest subordinate," etc.

Report (No. 106), by Rep. Waldo, of Colorado..... 14,539
Considered and deferred until the other reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,514
Considered again and adopted..... 14,570

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No. 10. Majority report. The committee report adversely to the adoption of the Grand Sire's decision, numbered 8, and say that, under the provisions of Section 12 of the Rebekah Code, "previous service in an appointive office is made the sole qualification for eligibility as to each elective office of a Rebekah Lodge, except the office of Noble Grand," and that "if it is unwise, it should be corrected by legislation and not nullified by a construction which has the effect of writing another and different provision in lieu thereof."

Report (No. 114), by Rep. Bullard, of Montana 14,543
Considered and deferred until it be considered with the minority report, No. 190..... 14,568
Considered again and indefinitely postponed..... 14,613

No. 11. The committee approve decision numbered 83, of the Grand Sire.

Report (No. 135), by Rep. Pinkerton, of Massachusetts..... 14,556
Considered and deferred until the other reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,514
Considered again and adopted..... 14,570

No. 12. Majority report. The committee submit a resolution "that the decision of the Grand Sire, numbered 80, be approved, and say "the duties of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire are essentially different from those of Grand Representative, and their proper performance requires substantially all the time of each officer during the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge." They refer to Article II. of the Constitution of the S. G. L., as to the composition of the Body and say, "it requires that there shall be a Grand Sire and a Deputy Grand Sire in addition to all the Grand Representatives to which Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may be entitled. To unite either of these offices with the office of Grand Representative, in the same person, would actually reduce the constitutional membership of this Grand Lodge."

Report (No. 139), by Rep. Maguire, of California..... 14,557
Considered and deferred until it be considered with the minority report, No. 166.....14,569, 14,570
Considered in connection with the minority report, No. 166, and postponed until the next session..... 14,610

No. 13. Concerning the decision of the Grand Sire, numbered 64, that "several weak Jurisdictions, joining together and forming a Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association, such association may do business in each of said Jurisdictions" without the certificate required by the S. G. L. law, the committee say, the manner in which these Jurisdictions are joined together is not stated, "but no matter how formed, such associations became entitled, under the law, to do business within the Jurisdiction where formed and not elsewhere," etc. They submit a resolution that the decision of the Grand Sire be disapproved.

Report (No. 140), by Rep. Shirts, of Indiana..... 14,558
Considered and deferred until the other reports on the same subject be considered together..... 14,514
Considered again and adopted..... 14,571

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No. 14. As to a Past Grand, when in arrears, voting for Grand Officers; voting in another Lodge than his own, and whether a member being present at a meeting is *prima facie* evidence of his right to participate in the proceedings of the meeting, the committee report, that under the general law, three months in arrears does not deprive a Past Grand from voting for Grand Officers; the same law does not authorize him to vote in any Lodge but his own; presence during a meeting is not *prima facie* evidence of one's right to participate in in the proceedings, because the qualifications required to entitle a Brother to be present, are not identical with those required to participate in the proceedings of a meeting.

Report (No. 143), by Rep. Maguire, of California..... 14,572
Considered and adopted..... 14,608

No. 15. As to the resolution of Rep. Leedy, of Indiana, that Section 5, Article XVI. of the Constitution, shall not be construed as to affect membership now existing, the committee say "the general laws of our Order preclude such a construction," and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Report (No. 144), by Rep. Gambell, of Oregon..... 14,573
Considered and adopted..... 14,608

No. 16. The committee report "that it is illegal for a Lodge to pay a member's wife for nursing him while he is sick."

Report (No. 145), by Rep. Gambell, of Oregon..... 14,574
Considered and adopted..... 14,608

No. 17. As to the question propounded by Reps. Cook and Pinkerton, of Massachusetts, the committee say, it is not in their province to construe or settle the law on inquiries thus presented.

Report (No. 146), by Rep. Friedheim, of Arkansas 14,574
Considered and adopted..... 14,608

No. 18. The committee report, that a Grand Master has no right "to compel a Lodge to issue a Withdrawal Card after a Lodge has refused and given as a reason that they were unwilling to recommend the Brother to all Odd Fellows"; that a Lodge or member has no right to place any extra writing on a Withdrawal Card, but that "on a Visiting Card any writing may be endorsed that may be necessary to set forth the rights of the holder as to benefits."

Report (No. 147), by Rep. Bullard, of Montana..... 14,574
Considered and adopted..... 14,608

No. 19. Minority report. The minority of the committee submit a resolution that decision No. 80, of the Grand Sire be disapproved so far as it relates to the Deputy Grand Sire, and say, "a Grand Jurisdiction should not by implication, and without an express provision of law, be deprived of its chosen Representative."

Report (No. 166), by Rep. Herring, of Texas..... 14,587
Considered in connection with the majority report No. 139 and postponed until next session.....14,569, 14,570, 14,610

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No. 20. The committee submit the following:
"*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Sire in entertaining and deciding the question as to the constitutionality of the resolution changing the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge of Virginia be not approved."
Report (No. 182), by Rep. Maguire, of California..... 14,598
Considered and adopted..... 14,611

No. 21. As to those portions of the Grand Sire's report relating to "Observance of Law and its Uniform Administration," and the unlawful organization of "Coteries of Daughters Militant," the committee report, that they find nothing therein requiring any action on their part, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.
Report (No. 185), by Rep. Maguire, of California..... 14,602
Considered and adopted..... 14,612

No. 22. The committee report adversely to the "election of five Commissioners to prepare an annotated Code of Odd Fellowship."
Report (No. 186), by Rep. Friedheim, of Arkansas..... 14,603
Considered and adopted..... 14,612

No. 23. Minority report. In recommending the approval of the Grand Sire's decision numbered 8, the minority of the committee say, "the letter of a law, if plain and unambiguous, should not be construed away in order to make the law reasonable or effective, but that is not at all necessary in this case. The true construction of the law in question, namely: The liberal, reasonable and effective construction of the law, is more in harmony with its literal meaning than the destructive literalness of construction adopted by the majority of this committee."
Report (No. 190), by Rep. Maguire, of California..... 14,612
Considered in connection with the majority report No. 114, and indefinitely postponed..... 14,568, 14,613

No. 24. Concerning the query presented by Rep. McClurg, of Mississippi, as to subscribing and paying for, out of the Lodge treasury, a fraternal periodical, the committee report that it is not within their province to decide the questions thus presented.
Report (No. 191), by Rep. Wright, of Pennsylvania, chairman.. 14,613
Considered and adopted..... 14,613

LEGISLATION.

No. 1. The committee report adversely to changing the law of 1889 so as "to make it lawful for Subordinate Encampments to wear, when on street parade, the uniform prescribed and used prior to such legislation."
Report (No. 23), by Rep. Rogers, of Colorado..... 14,479
Considered and adopted..... 14,512

No. 2. As to furnishing Visiting Cards to Grand and Subordinate Bodies at cost, the committee report adversely.
Report (No. 24), by Rep. Abercrombie, of Missouri..... 14,479
Considered and adopted..... 14,512

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No. 3. The committee recommend that Section 1023 of the Digest should read as follows: "The several Grand Bodies be, and they are hereby, authorized to confer upon Subordinate Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Lodges, the right to install their officers in public, provided, that the ceremony be conducted by an officer of such Grand Body, a District Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Patriarch, or by a Past Grand or Past Chief Patriarch, duly authorized by the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, provided, they use the form prescribed by this Grand Lodge."

Report (No. 25), by Rep. Nolen, of Tennessee..... 14,480
Considered and amended by inserting after the words "Past Chief Patriarch," in the eighth line of the resolution, the words "or Past Noble Grand," and, as amended, adopted.. 14,513

No. 4. As to the resolution of Rep. Floyd, of Arkansas, "relating to a proposed Home for aged and indigent Brothers in that Jurisdiction," the committee report, "that said resolution does not propose any legislation, and is not a proper matter for the consideration of this committee," and ask that it be "referred to the Committee on the State of the Order."

Report (No. 26), by Rep. Talbott, of Indiana..... 14,480
Considered and adopted..... 14,513

No. 5. As to whether a Lodge or Encampment has authority to subscribe and pay for, out of the treasury, one or more copies of a fraternal journal devoted exclusively to Odd Fellowship, the committee report that it is not a matter of legislation and "recommend the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary."

Report (No. 27), by Rep. Willis, of Idaho..... 14,481
Considered and adopted..... 14,513

No. 6. Concerning the resolution of Rep. Allan, of the District of Columbia, the committee report, "that in Jurisdictions, where no District Deputies are appointed, it would be right to permit a Special Deputy, appointed by the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch to install officers, to be received with the Honors of the Order."

Report (No. 28), by Rep. Thomas, of Utah..... 14,481
Considered and adopted..... 14,513

No. 7. The committee report adversely to the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Morford, of Arizona, "providing for the care of unfortunate sojourning Brothers under certain circumstances."

Report (No. 52), by Rep. McClurg, of Mississippi..... 14,495
Considered and adopted..... 14,515

No. 8. The committee recommend the adoption of the following: "*Resolved*, That until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge, all Past Grand Sires, who shall be present at the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall receive mileage and per diem the same as now paid to the Representatives."

Report (No. 53), by Rep. Parker, of Vermont..... 14,495
Considered and adopted..... 14,516

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No. 9. The committee amend the law in Section 1747, Digest, to read as follows:

"It is unlawful for the Charge-Books, or others containing or relating to the Secret Work of the Order, to be taken from the Lodge-room. The N. G. of a Lodge, being the proper custodian of such books, may intrust them to his subordinate officers, or to any member in good standing of the Degree of Truth, for the purpose of qualification, while in the Lodge-room. The laws of the Order prohibit the writing of the initiatory charges, as well as all other parts of the Secret Work. The law does not permit the Rituals being taken from the Lodge-room, but if they can be bound in the Lodge-room, there can be no objection, provided the binder is a member of the Order, who has the entire work of the particular Ritual to be bound."

Report (No. 68), by Rep. Robinson, of Maine..... 14,526
Considered and adopted..... 14,565

No. 10. The committee submit a resolution "that a Special Committee of Five be appointed to revise the present Anniversary Ceremony."

Report (No. 101), by Rep. Parker, of Vermont..... 14,537
Considered and adopted..... 14,567

No. 11. Concerning the resolution of Rep. Conway, of Illinois, on the subject of minimum dues, the committee recommend that "said resolution be laid over, for consideration at the next annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge."

Report (No. 102), by Rep. Donogh, of Ontario..... 14,537
Considered and adopted..... 14,567

No. 12. The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of Rep. Mack, of Nevada, "that each Grand Jurisdiction may provide for the admission into its Subordinate Lodges, of members of a defunct Lodge."

Report (No. 103), by Rep. Donogh, of Ontario..... 14,538
Considered and adopted..... 14,567

No. 13. The committee recommend the adoption of an amendment to the last clause of Article XXII. of the By-Laws of the S. G. L., so that said last clause shall read as follows: "At sessions of Grand Bodies, in lieu of any regalia hereinbefore described, a ribbon may be worn of the color of the highest Degree the member has attained, having attached thereto any jewel which he is entitled or required to wear; provided, that Grand Bodies may adopt a badge of uniform size and design, the color to conform with existing regulations."

Report (No. 115), by Rep. Rogers, of Colorado..... 14,543
Considered and adopted..... 14,568

No. 14. The committee recommend the adoption of a cipher and key for communication between Lodges, etc.

Report (No. 134), by Rep. Nolen, of Tennessee..... 14,555
Considered and adopted..... 14,569

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No. 15. The committee report adversely to amending the insurance law to the effect that "the certificate shall in no case be refused in a Jurisdiction in which any insurance association, official or otherwise, is permitted to do business in the name of the Order."
Report (No. 141), by Rep. Talbott, of Indiana..... 14,559
Considered and adopted..... 14,570

No. 16. Concerning the resolution of Reps. Douglass and Gaster, of North Carolina, relating to the support of Orphans' Homes by Subordinate Lodges, the committee believe "that the existing resolutions of this Grand Body confer ample power upon State Grand Bodies to maintain Orphans' Homes," and "deem further legislation on the subject unnecessary."
Report (No. 148), by Rep. Abercrombie, of Missouri..... 14,575
Considered and adopted..... 14,608

No. 17. The committee recommend that Rules 4 and 39 of the Rules of Order of this Grand Body be changed by striking out the word "Foreign" and inserting the word "International," so that the title of the committee shall be "Committee on International Relations," instead of "Committee on Foreign Relations."
Report (No. 169), by Rep. Robinson, of Maine..... 14,590
Considered and adopted..... 14,611

No. 18. The committee recommend that the law, in Section 672, Digest, be amended to read as follows:
"*Resolved*, That any member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge of the Order, holding a Visiting Card in force, shall have the privilege of applying for membership in any Lodge or Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge, without first applying for a Withdrawal Card from the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge, in which membership is held.
"Upon election of such members by the Lodge, Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge to which application was made for membership, said Body shall notify the Body of which they were members, of such election, when, being free from all charges, and the payment of all dues and fees, upon proper application, they shall be granted a Withdrawal Card. Upon deposit of said Withdrawal Card with said Lodge, Encampment or Rebekah Lodge, to which they were elected, they shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and By-Laws and be received in full membership from such time, upon payment of admission fees required by the By-Laws of said Lodge, Encampment or Rebekah Lodge.
"A favorable ballot under the above law cannot be reconsidered."
Report (No. 178), by Rep. Thomas, of Utah..... 14,595
Considered and adopted..... 14,611

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

No. 1. The committee submit a tabular statement showing the names of Officers and Representatives, place of nativity, profession, post-office, State, miles traveled, daily attendance, per diem, and a resolution "that the mile-

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age and per diem in the accompanying table, accredited to each Officer and Representative, are hereby ordered to be paid."

Report (No. 57), by Rep. Voegtle, of Louisiana, chairman..... 14,497
Considered and adopted as corrected..... 14,514

PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

No. 1. The committee recommend that the Special Committee on Revision of the P. M. Ritual be continued, and that said committee be "directed to revise or write a Ritual for the Patriarchs Militant, and present the same in printed form to this Grand Lodge at its session in 1896."

Report (No. 17), by Rep. Grant, of Kentucky, chairman..... 14,464
Considered and adopted..... 14,471

No. 2. The committee recommend that the Grand Decoration of Chivalry be conferred on Major-General John C. Whitaker, Department Commander of Ohio.

Report (No. 36), by Rep. Grant, of Kentucky, chairman..... 14,485
Considered and adopted..... 14,485

No. 3. The committee report adversely to the adoption of the resolutions from the Military Council of the Department of Massachusetts, in reference to the term of the Department Commander; methods of his election, and reducing the price of Canton Officers' Commissions fifty per cent.

Report (No. 37), by Rep. Grant, of Kentucky, chairman..... 14,486
Considered and adopted..... 14,514

No. 4. The committee recommend that Section 127 of the P. M. Code be amended, reducing the price of certain supplies to Department Councils.

Report (No. 38), by Rep. Stern, of New York..... 14,486
Considered and adopted..... 14,514

No. 5. The committee recommend that the following be added to Section 74 of the P. M. Code: "No Commission shall be issued to any Chevalier who is not in good standing in a Canton in good standing."

Report (No. 39), by Rep. Stern, of New York..... 14,487
Considered and adopted..... 14,514

No. 6. The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution amending Section 5 of the P. M. Code, by striking out "three" in the second line and inserting "two" in lieu thereof, so that a Battalion shall consist of not less than *two* Cantons.

Report (No. 93), by Rep. Leedy, of Indiana..... 14,534
Considered and adopted..... 14,567

No. 7. The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of Reps. Dilcher and Whitlock, of New York, relative to the amendment of Section 127 of the P. M. Code, as the matter had "already been considered by the committee and action had thereon."

Report (No. 94), by Rep. Young, of Maryland..... 14,534
Considered and adopted..... 14,567

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No. 8. The committee report, that the resolution of Rep. Morford, of Arizona, as to a revision of the P. M. Ritual, to make the same uniform with the Encampment Ritual as now published, "has been provided for in a previous report."
Report (No. 95), by Rep. Young, of Maryland 14,535
Considered and adopted 14,567

No. 9. As to the resolution of Rep. Pinkerton, of Massachusetts, proposing an amendment to Section 7 of the P. M. Code, the committee report, that they have "included the subject matter of the said resolution in another report," and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.
Report (No. 100), by Rep. Grant, of Kentucky, chairman 14,536
Considered and adopted 14,567

No. 10. The committee report that they have "considered the changes in the Code of Laws suggested by the Grand Sire" and recommend amendments (which they "think will cover the conflicting sections"), to Sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 18, 19, 27, 30, 34, 37, 40, 41, 43, 54, 57, 67, 70, 73, 75, 77, 78, 80, 81, 85, 100, 101, 103, 124, 127 and 131.
Report (No. 125), by Rep. Parson, of Missouri 14,547
Considered and adopted 14,569

No. 11. The committee submit resolutions recommending a change in the cap for Chevaliers and Line Officers.
Report (No. 126), by Rep. Comly, of Ohio 14,552
Considered and adopted 14,569

No. 12. Concerning the resolution of Rep. Savage, of California, amending Section 102 of the P. M. Code by inserting the words "his Staff" after the word "Commander," the committee "recommend that it be not adopted."
Report (No. 142), by Rep. Marigold, of Connecticut 14,559
Considered and adopted 14,570

No. 13. The committee submit a resolution directing the Grand Secretary to remit to the respective Departments fifty per cent. of the price paid by them for the Commissions under the new law by crediting to each Department "one-half the amount paid by it for Canton Officers' Commissions," etc.
Report (No. 189), by Rep. Leedy, of Indiana 14,604
Considered and adopted 14,612

PETITIONS.

No. 1. The committee submit the following:
"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, instructed to issue, without cost, a duplicate Charter to the Grand Lodge of Colorado."
Report (No. 116), by Rep. Watson, of Florida, chairman 14,544
Considered and adopted 14,568

No. 2. The committee recommend "that a duplicate Charter be granted to the Grand Lodge of Oregon."
Report (No. 117), by Rep. Heineman, of Michigan 14,544
Considered and adopted 14,568

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No. 3. Approving the action of the Grand Officers in issuing a Charter to Concordia Lodge, No. 5, Netherlands, Europe.
Report (No. 118), by Rep. Manville, of Connecticut..... 14,544
Considered and adopted..... 14,568

No. 4. Approving the action of the Grand Officers in issuing a Charter to Alameda Lodge, No. 7, Assiniboia, Canada.
Report (No. 119), by Rep. Godman, of Maryland..... 14,545
Considered and adopted..... 14,568

No. 5. Approving the action of the Grand Officers in issuing a Charter to Gustaf Adolf II. Lodge, No. 9, Sweden, Europe.
Report (No. 120), by Rep. Gilpatric, of Maine..... 14,545
Considered and adopted..... 14,568

No. 6. Approving the action of the Grand Officers in issuing a Charter to Colombo Lodge, No. 1, Italy, Europe.
Report (No. 121), by Rep. Whitehurst, of Virginia..... 14,546
Considered and adopted..... 14,568

No. 7. Approving the action of the Grand Officers in issuing a Charter to Linnea Lodge, No. 8, Sweden, Europe.
Report (No. 122), by Rep. Phillips, of British Columbia..... 14,546
Considered and adopted..... 14,568

No. 8. The committee submit a resolution that the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish a duplicate Charter to the Grand Encampment of Oregon.
Report (No. 123), by Rep. Weaver, of Alabama..... 14,546
Considered and adopted..... 14,568

No. 9. Approving the action of the Grand Officers in issuing a Charter to Mauna Kea Lodge, No. 4. Sandwich Islands.
Report (No. 124), by Rep. Byer, of Nebraska..... 14,547
Considered and adopted..... 14,568

No. 10. The committee recommend that a duplicate Charter be furnished to Hesperian Encampment, No. 3, South Dakota.
Report (No. 170), by Rep. Watson, of Florida, chairman..... 14,592
Considered and adopted..... 14,611

No. 11. The committee submit a resolution that the Grand Secretary transmit all the papers in the appeal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec vs. Anchor Lodge, No. 66, Denver, Colorado, "together with a copy of the appeal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and request them to send to this Body at its next session, a reply to the appeal," etc.
Report (No. 171), by Rep. Watson, of Florida, chairman..... 14,592
Considered and adopted..... 14,611

No. 12. The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of empowering Grand Bodies to number new Subordinates with the numbers formerly belonging to their defunct Subordinates, as there is already ample legislation on the subject.
Report (No. 179), by Rep. Rogers, of Utah..... 14,596
Considered and adopted..... 14,611

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No. 13. Concerning the memorial of David Green, which was referred to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the committee recommend that the action of that Body "sustaining the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, be approved, and the memorial and petition of said David Green be dismissed."
Report (No. 194), by Rep. Rogers, of Utah..... 14,615
Considered and adopted..... 14,615

PRINTING SUPPLIES.

No. 1. The committee report the organization, number of meetings, contracts for printing and paper for Officers' Reports, Daily and Revised Journals for the session of 1895, etc.
Report (No. 12), by Rep. Jones, of Maryland, chairman..... 14,441
Considered and adopted..... 14,462

No. 2. The committee submit a resolution to have the Rebekah Ritual printed in the Bohemian language, provided the applicants of said Lodges in Chicago, Illinois, "furnish the committee on Printing Supplies with a proper translation, the same to be furnished without expense to the Sovereign Grand Lodge."
Report (No. 54), by Rep. Dilks, of New York..... 14,495
Considered and adopted..... 14,516

No. 3. The committee ask to be relieved from the further consideration of the subject of "compiling a pocket Manual containing the lectures in the Ritual and the Burial Service," etc.
Report (No. 55), by Rep. Iszard, of New Jersey..... 14,496
Considered and adopted..... 14,516

No. 4. The committee authorize the Grand Sire "to procure a suitable sash and a double gold cord with acorn tips, to be used and worn by him when conferring the Grand Decoration of Chivalry."
Report (No. 176), by Rep. Jones, of Maryland, chairman..... 14,595
Considered and adopted..... 14,611

RETURNS.

No. 1. The committee find correct, the reports of fifty Grand Encampments.
Report (No. 46), by Rep. Dilcher, of New York, chairman..... 14,492
Considered and adopted..... 14,515

No. 2. The returns of fifty-three Grand Lodges concerning the Rebekah Lodges in their respective Jurisdictions, and of Pacific Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, the committee report correct.
Report (No. 47), by Rep. Adams, of New Hampshire..... 14,493
Considered and adopted..... 14,515

No. 3. The committee report correct, the returns of fifty-five Grand Lodges.
Report (No. 48), by Rep. Hall, of West Virginia..... 14,493
Considered and adopted..... 14,515

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No. 4. The reports of the sundry Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the committee find correct.
Report (No. 49), by Rep. Parks, of Maine 14,493
Considered and adopted 14,515

No. 5. The committee report correct, the returns from the several Subordinate Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.
Report (No. 50), by Rep. Bucher, of Virginia 14,494
Considered and adopted 14,515

STATE OF THE ORDER.

No. 1. The committee approve the Dispensations granted by the Grand Sire; his recommendation having in view the limiting of the miscellaneous correspondence, and commend him for his visitations made during the year.
Report (No. 19), by Rep. Dilks, of New York 14,477
Considered and adopted 14,512

No. 2. The committee submit a resolution appropriating $44.50 to pay the balance due on the purchase of the National flags ordered session of 1894.
Report (No. 20), by Rep. Kuykendall, of Wyoming 14,478
Considered and adopted 14,512

No. 3. The committee recommend that hereafter the Grand Officers "contract to the best advantage, and have their reports printed without reference to the Committee on Printing Supplies."
Report (No. 21), by Rep. Bloodworth, of Georgia 14,478
Considered and adopted 14,512

No. 4. The committee recommend the non-adoption of the resolution "that hereafter a copy of the reports of the Grand Officers of this Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be sent by mail to each Representative," etc., by the first Monday in September.
Report (No. 22), by Rep. Bloodworth, of Georgia 14,479
Considered and adopted 14,512

No. 5. The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Thomas, of Utah, "with reference to procuring transportation to future sessions."
Report (No. 51), by Rep. Watson, of Wisconsin 14,494
Considered and referred back to the committee to report the legislation required 14,515

No. 6. The committee submit the following:
"*Resolved*, That the subject of publishing a Memorial History be indefinitely postponed."
Report (No. 62), by Rep. Longueville, of Iowa 14,523
Considered and adopted 14,565

No. 7. The committee submit the following:
"*Resolved*, That hereafter, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to communicate with all passenger associations, at least 90 days prior to the meeting of each Annual Session, informing them when such session will be held, and at what place, and requesting special railroad rates for such meeting," etc.
Report (No. 112), by Rep. Watson, of Wisconsin 14,542
Considered and adopted 14,568

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No. 8. The committee submit a resolution directing the Grand Lodge of North Dakota to demand from Northern Light Lodge, No. 1, at Fargo, the sum of money diverted by it; to report to the Grand Sire the amount received and to what Jurisdictions returned; to demand and take back the Charter, etc., of said Lodge, in the event of its refusal or neglect to return said money, etc., "and to hold the same subject to the order and direction of the Grand Sire or of the Sovereign Grand Lodge."

Report (No. 150), by Rep. Russell, of Texas..... 14,577
Considered and adopted..... 14,609

No. 9. The committee recommend that permission and full authority be granted to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to direct the cancellation of mortgage on the Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows, etc.

Report (No. 151), by Rep. Kuykendall, of Wyoming..... 14,579
Considered and adopted..... 14,609

No. 10. The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the nature of the "Imperial Order of Muscovites," as it does not appear "to be one over which the Sovereign Grand Lodge should have any control, or with which it should try to hold any connection."

Report (No. 152), by Rep. Longueville, of Iowa..... 14,579
Considered and adopted..... 14,609

No. 11. The committee deem it inexpedient to permit a Grand Master "to allow the request of another Jurisdiction to initiate in one of its Lodges a resident of the first-named Jurisdiction, irrespective of the nearness of the Lodges to the place of residence of the person desiring initiation."

Report (No. 153), by Rep. Bloodworth, of Georgia..... 14,580
Considered and adopted..... 14,609

No. 12. Majority report. The committee report adversely to reducing the price of Visiting Cards to ten cents each "to Grand Bodies and to all others at an advance of twenty-five per cent."

Report (No. 154), by Rep. De Leeuw, of Connecticut..... 14,580
Considered in connection with the minority report No. 175 and postponed until next session..... 14,609

No. 13. The committee recommend "that when a member of the Order is convicted of a crime, is sentenced and serving a term in a State prison, charges shall be preferred against him in the Lodge of which he is a member," etc. and if "identified he must be expelled."

Report (No. 155), by Rep. Bloodworth, of Georgia..... 14,580
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No. 14. The committee recommend that no change be made in the "form of Dedication Service so as to make 'Universal Justice' the crowning pillar of the altar."

Report (No. 156), by Rep. De Leeuw, of Connecticut..... 14,581
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No. 15. Concerning the Sanitarium at Hot Springs, Arkansas, the committee bespeak for the same "the encouragement and substantial aid of the several Jurisdictions."
Report (No. 172), by Rep. Cable, of Ohio..... 14,593
Considered and adopted..... 14,611

No. 16. The Grand Representatives of Texas are requested to see that a "suitable hall for our next session, and a sufficient number of committee rooms are provided," etc.
Report (No. 173), by Rep. Dilks, of New York..... 14,593
Considered and adopted..... 14,611

No. 17. The Grand Secretary is instructed to furnish Subordinate Grand Bodies and Subordinates under the jurisdiction of the S. G. L. with certified copies of the amendment, adding Section 5 to Article XVI. of the Constitution, etc.
Report (No. 174), by Rep. Dilks, of New York..... 14,594
Considered and adopted..... 14,611

No. 18. Minority report. Rep. Pettit, of Florida, recommends the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Blumenthal, of Mississippi, reducing the price of Visiting Cards.
Report (No. 175), by Rep. Pettit, of Florida..... 14,594
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No. 1. The committee report that they "have carefully examined the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for several years past;" recommend that no further consideration be given to any unfinished business prior to the sesion of 1894, unless some Representative shall specially request attention to some item of business that he may desire action upon," and mention the business laid over from last session and to be considered at this.
Report (No. 41), by Rep. Weir, of Nebraska, chairman..... 14,488
Considered and adopted..... 14,515

No. 2. The committee recommend "that the petition from the Grand Lodge of Nevada, found in Journal of 1894, page 14,144, be referred to the Committee on Petitions, to be reported on at the session of 1896."
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72. Any member, in good standing, of a Rebekah Lodge is eligible to election or appointment to any office in such Lodge except to the offices of Noble Grand and Vice-Grand. To be eligible to the office of Vice-Grand, a member must have served a term in some elective or appointed office in a Rebekah Lodge, other than of Trustee; and to be eligible to the office of Noble Grand a member must have served a term in the office of Vice-Grand in a Rebekah Lodge. But

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any member in good standing may be elected as the first Noble Grand or Vice-Grand of a new or revived Lodge, or to fill a vacancy occurring during the first term, (called a special term), of such new or revived Lodge. And in case of a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand or Vice-Grand of a Rebekah Lodge, if all qualified members refuse to accept such vacant office, the Lodge may elect any member thereto, provided, that a Dispensation for the purpose be obtained from the proper authority in the Jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs, before any such officer so elected can be installed, or can act as such officer. All offices shall be for a term of six months or one year, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction; which Grand Lodge may provide a longer term for Secretaries, Financial Secretaries and Treasurers than for other officers..... 14,448, 14,583, 14,609

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75. The Grand Master, (or, if empowered by authority of the Grand Lodge, the President of the Rebekah Assembly), of each Grand Lodge represented in this Sovereign Grand Lodge under which any Rebekah Lodge has been, or hereafter shall be, instituted, is required to make a Semi-annual Password for use in all Rebekah Lodges in the Jurisdiction of such Grand Lodge; which Password shall be a test of good standing in a Rebekah Lodge, and shall be used at the outer door of such Lodges to obtain admission to the ante-room. This Semi-annual word shall only be used in the Jurisdiction to which it properly belongs, and shall be communicated privately to all persons entitled to receive it. 14,449, 14,584, 14,609

76. The Annual Password for the Degree of Rebekah shall be used in conjunction with a Visiting or Withdrawal Card issued by a Rebekah Lodge, when the holder thereof is visiting a Rebekah Lodge, in any Jurisdiction other than the one to which the visitor belongs, as a Traveling Password; but shall be communicated, and otherwise used, in the manner prescribed in the Ritual of the Degree, notwithstanding its use as a Traveling Password 14,449, 14,584, 14,609

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OF THE

Sovereign Grand Lodge

OF THE

Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

HELD IN

ATLANTIC CITY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

September 16th to 21st, 1895,

WITH AN

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING A SKETCH OF THE WELCOME BY HIS HONOR, FRANKLIN P. STOY, MAYOR, FOR ATLANTIC CITY; BRO. JOHN H. GRIFFITH, GRAND MASTER, FOR THE GRAND LODGE; BRO. JAMES MCMAHON, GRAND PATRIARCH, FOR THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT; MRS. SARAH A. DUTCHER, PRESIDENT, FOR THE REBEKAH STATE ASSEMBLY OF NEW JERSEY; RESPONSE BY JOHN W. STEBBINS, GRAND SIRE; GRAND PARADE; GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' REUNION; COMPLIMENTARY RECEPTION AND BALL; THE COURTESIES EXTENDED DURING THE SESSION,

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